CALGARY metro®

NEWS WORTH SHARING.

Get a sizzling kitchen reno from just $50K.

Call for a free in-home consultation. 403.258.1511

CARDEL RENOS

CARDELHOMES.COM

In the mood for love

How to go offline and chat up a stranger in the real world. Page 32

NEVER TOO LATE FOR SCHOOL

Dwight Farahat in the library at Calgary's Mount Royal University. After years of struggling to make a career for himself, Farahat decided to go back to school at age 31. The rate of aboriginals enrolling in Alberta post-secondary school is on the rise, but advocates say there's still more work to be done. See story, page 10. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

BSD to go on one year later

Mass murder. Annual U of C party to continue despite last year's events

JEREMY NOLAIS
jeremy.nolais@metronews.ca

Students at the city's largest university will continue a long-standing tradition of donning flashy shorts and gathering in a parking lot to toast the end of winter classes.

But the decision to carry on with annual Bermuda Shorts Day (BSD) festivities at the University of Calgary was not one taken lightly, say student representatives, as the event has now been forever linked to the city's worst mass murder.

Five young adults were celebrating the semester's end at a Brentwood home near campus on April 15, 2014, when they were stabbed to death.

BSD is generally held on the last day of winter classes; it just so happens this year's celebration falls directly on the one-year anniversary of the mass murder.

Advertisements for BSD 2015 have only popped up on campus recently, but Jonah Ardiel of the campus students' union said the decision to press ahead was actually made last summer: "It's obviously a tradition that's been ingrained within the culture, and there would be random drinking across the campus and it would be difficult to manage optically because there would be parties across the community that are unsupervised."

The event, first held in 1960, now sees thousands pack into Lot 32 to drink and take in a live concert.

Among those in attendance last year was U of C student Joshua Hunter, according to close friend and bandmate Kyle Tenove.

Later that night, both Hunter and another good friend, Zackariah Rathwell, would be killed at the Brentwood home. Also killed in the incident was U of C student Lawrence Hong, as well as Jordan Segura and Kaiti Perras.

Tenove said Monday he has no issue with the BSD tradition carrying on. "I'm happy they're still doing it," he said. "I don't want to change anything."

Get Yourself Lost Without Getting Yourself Lost

RAV4

TOYOTA

toyota.ca

CMP PRE-OWNED SPECIAL

CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CMPAUTO.COM CM

IMPALAGANZA

IS BACK! FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!

CMP GM CHEVROLET Cadillac BUICK GMC

SHOP THE LARGEST PRE-OWNED SELECTION IN CANADA!

OVER 1,000 UNITS IN STOCK!

LOW KMS!

26 IMPALAs TO CHOOSE FROM!

STARTING FROM: $14,888

OR: $53 WK 4.99% FOR 84 MTHS

PAYMENTS AT O.A.C. @ 4.99 % FOR 84 MTHS. COST OF BORROWING IS $3,030.51. TOTAL OBLIGATION IS $16,317.91. * INCLUDES UP TO 6L OF DEXOS OIL GAS ENGINES ONLY PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE GST. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS EXEMPT. VEHICLE MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS SHOWN. DEALER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO END PROMOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE. CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER PROMOTIONS. SEE DEALER FOR FULL DETAILS.

TRY OUR SERVICE DEPARTMENT! Certified Service

403-207-2470

Winter Service Specials

Winter Freeze Check-up

- DEXOS OIL CHANGE* & AC DELCO FILTER
- MULTI-POINT INSPECTION
- CHECK TIRE TREAD DEPTH & ROTATE
- CHECK BRAKE PADS
- LUBRICATE LOCKS, LATCHES, AND HINGES
- TOP UP FLUIDS AS REQUIRED
- VISUAL CHECK OF COOLING SYSTEM FOR LEAKS

GAS ENGINES ONLY: $149.95 DIESEL ENGINES ONLY: $189.95

CMP GM CHEVROLET Cadillac BUICK GMC

1313 36 St. NE, Calgary, AB, T2A 6P9

AMVIC LICENSED CANADA'S BEST MANAGED COMPANIES

CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED

403-207-1000 CMPAUTO.COM

REBUILD YOUR CREDIT! 403.207.1041 CALGARYAUTOFINANCING.COM

CHEVROLET BUICK GMC Cadillac CMP GM

DEERFOOT TRN COAST PLAZA HOTEL CMP 16 AVE NE 36 ST NE 12 AVE NE MEMORIAL DR

Kaizen AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

PART OF THE KAIZEN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP | KAIZENAUTO.COM

Calgary high school is short one gym, down $1.5 million

Education. Between 250 and 400 students are forced to take a bus every day to local community centre

JEREMY NOLAIS
jeremy.nolais@metronews.ca

A lack of gym space at one Calgary high school has forced administrators to dig deep into their budgets and illustrated a decade-long logistical struggle — one that parents say they're fed up with.

Centennial High School opened in 2004 with just one gym, but there was talk of including an auxiliary space in an add-on project that never materialized.

At last count, the school has 1,931 students and is believed by parents to be just one of two high schools in the city without a secondary gym. The other, Jack James, has about 840 students.

Shortly after Centennial opened, a decision was made to rent the gym space at Mid-Sun Community Centre for a reduced rate.

Recent data provided by a parent committee pushing for a new gym suggests between 250 and 400 students are bused to the community centre daily, spending 15 minutes on the bus each way.

The cost to rent the facility, buy and maintain buses and at one point pay full-time drivers for the gym-class excursions — teachers have now received certification and drive the kids themselves — has drained an average of $136,345 annually from the resource funding budgeted for Centennial. The total bill now stands at $1.5 million, according to data from school administrators, and costly replacement buses in the years ahead will drive that number up past $2.5 million.

Christina Steed in the gym at Mid-Sun Community Centre, which Centennial High School rents five days a week. Kids from the school are bused there daily, an endeavour that costs, on average, $136,000 annually. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Quoted

"The reality is that every single year money is basically going down the toilet."

Christina Steed, who heads up advocacy efforts for a new gym at Centennial High School

"The reality is that every single year money is basically going down the toilet.... My kids are at a disadvantage, and that's not fair," said mother Christina Steed, who's heading up advocacy efforts for a new gym. "Public education is supposed to be accessible and equal for all, but it's not. My kid doesn't have the accessibility to gym time that every other major high school in the city has."

She also questioned what else Centennial is going without as it works to cover its secondary gym costs.

At one point, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) did list a "Centennial add-on" project on its annual capital plan — basically a wish list of capital projects submitted to the provincial government — but it has since vanished.

The organization ignored specific questions about why the project was taken off the plan, as well as those concerning the impact to kids being bused to Mid-Sun and to Centennial's budget as a whole.

Instead, a statement issued reads, "The CBE is aware of the concerns about gym facilities at Centennial High School. Given the accommodation and capital challenges across our system, we are also aware that other schools have a range of facility issues and concerns."

Former area trustee Carol Bazinet said she was told over the years of other schools using nearby community centres for certain gym classes but said it's believed Centennial's situation is the only one that forces kids to ride the bus.

She said plans for the additional wing at Centennial changed a number of times over the years and she wasn't sure if a gym had remained part of the project.

"I would say this is worth looking at," she said. "You may be able to make a really good case now for building that fourth wing so the kids don't have to be transported."

TRAIN TO BECOME A PARALEGAL!

Did you know that paralegals in Alberta make a median wage of **$25/hr***?

CDI College's **Paralegal program** includes practicum placements so you can get the hands-on training you need for a career as a paralegal.

Other programs include:
- **Accounting & Payroll Administration**
- **Addictions & Community Services Worker**
- **Business Administration Management**
- **Health Care Aide**
- **Medical Office Administration**
- **Network Systems Administrator**

Financial assistance may be available to qualified applicants.

1 800 360 7186 **study.cdicollege.ca**
Three campuses in Calgary to better serve you!

CDI college

Calgary mulls standardizing downtown parking duration

Policy. Plan aims to eliminate confusion around disparate zones

Attentive reading is a must if you want to legally leave your car for a couple of hours on a downtown Calgary street.

"You have to really look at the signs and really be careful, or you can get a ticket," said Maggie Schofield, executive director of the Calgary Downtown Association, who has heard numerous complaints from people who inadvertently ended up with a fine for staying too long in a particular parking zone.

"People aren't doing it intentionally," she said. "They just think, 'Oh, this has got to be a two-hour place.' And it isn't — it's a shorter-term one."

But that could change in the coming years, as Calgary is considering standardizing the legal weekday parking stay to two hours downtown, thereby eliminating the current mishmash of times that includes 30-minute and one-hour zones.

"When people go downtown, we'd like the option for people to know it's a two-hour zone throughout the core," said city roads director Troy McLeod. "You just have to know there is a time restriction."

The idea is just one of several being considered as Calgary reviews its parking policies city-wide, McLeod said, a process that could take five years in total but would likely see new parking rules for downtown, specifically, finished earlier.

The overarching goal is to simplify the city's often arcane parking rules.

As Metro reported last month, part of that process also includes moving from "multi-plate" parking signs to a "unified" design that lists parking rules on a single panel, from top to bottom, in order of most restrictive to least restrictive.

"We would like to simplify the operations in the downtown, not only from a signage perspective but from an operational perspective," McLeod said.

But Ranjit Sidhu, who parks downtown frequently, said he's happy with the short-stay parking zones as they are.

"If I need to meet a client or pick something up, I just need 30 minutes," he said. "Sometimes I have quick meetings."

If he needs to come downtown for a longer time, Sidhu said he would typically park at an LRT station and take transit to and from the city centre.

Schofield was supportive of simplifying the parking rules for the most part but not eliminating shorter-stay parking altogether.

"Simplification, I think, is really key to making the parking experience a better experience," she said. "But there may be a couple of exceptions ... for a particular kind of business that might need that one-hour turnover."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO
WITH FILES FROM JENNIFER FRIESEN

Ranjit Sidhu says he's happy with some of downtown Calgary's 30-minute parking zones, but others find that the various lengths of legal stays on different streets can be confusing. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

Group behind motorsports park reviewing new locations

Dominic Young, president of the Rockyview Motorsports Corp. METRO FILE

Planners behind the rejected Rockyview Motorsports Park say they're now reviewing eight new locations for the massive project — they just may need to change the name.

That's because a majority of the new locations being reviewed for what was to be a 260-hectare park are located outside of the county, according to Dominic Young, president of the Rockyview Motorsports Corp.

"We're far from giving up," he said Monday in his first interview since Rocky View County councillors unanimously shot down a site for the park just northeast of Airdrie.

"We're still very bullish on the project. I think that the council didn't reject the project, they rejected the location for the project."

The vote against came in the early morning hours of Jan. 28 after more than 10 hours of speeches and presentations from supporters and opponents of the park.

But Young said his team had issues with the process, noting they were only given 20 minutes to lay out their vision, which included a four-kilometre primary race track that could be extended, two 500-metre straight racing stretches, a training course for members of the Calgary Police Service, and a potential area around the high-octane site for wetlands research.

The park would generally be available for car clubs to rent out but would host some luxury-car racing series on occasion.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Offer is valid as of February 2015 and are subject to change or cancellation without notice. All unlimited plan features are from anywhere on our network, otherwise long distance and roaming rates apply. The monthly service credits are applicable only for pay-per-use charges and monthly add-ons and are not valid toward your monthly plan fees (that is, the $44/month plan fee), the cost of devices, or accessories. Any unused monthly credits will be forfeited and may not be carried over to the next month. The applied credits from this promotion may not be used toward the *WIND Phone Protection Program*. WIND may, from time to time, and without notice, determine that certain add-ons are not eligible for credits. All services subject to WIND's Terms of Service, Fair Usage Policy and Internet Traffic Management Policy and are for personal use by an individual. Applicable taxes extra. Additional terms and conditions apply. Learn more at WINDmobile.ca. 2015 Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. All rights reserved. Samsung is a registered trademark of Samsung Electronics Canada Inc., and Samsung Galaxy Note 4 is a trademark of Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. and/or its related entities, used with permission. WIND, WIND MOBILE and TRUE MOBILE FREEDOM are trademarks of Wind Telecommunicazioni S.p.A and are used under license in Canada by WIND Mobile Corp. © 2015 WIND Mobile

Reptile World closed, 142 animals seized

An alligator is seen at Drumheller's Reptile World, which has now closed.
FACEBOOK

Animal rights. Nine 'distressed' reptiles, hundreds of mice euthanized

Alberta SPCA officials have seized dozens of reptiles and amphibians from a Drumheller tourist attraction.

It first came to light last week that Reptile World was under investigation after the owner admitted in the media that his facility was in dire need of upgrades.

Dave Bethel, who's run what's billed as "Canada's largest live reptile exhibit" for 26 years, said his facility needs repairs to its leaky roof and some of the exhibits housing a collection of 220 animals, including numerous pythons, boas and a 600-pound alligator.

On Monday, the SPCA said it had seized 142 reptiles and amphibians and placed them in protective custody.

Nine of the animals were euthanized because their "distress was untreatable," the organization said.

As well, 500 mice, also reported to be in distress, were euthanized.

The SPCA said its investigation is ongoing and no charges have been laid.

"As set out in Alberta's Animal Protection Act, the owner has 10 days from the date of removal to correct conditions and reclaim the animals," the organization said in an email.

Attempts to reach Bethel were unsuccessful.

Reptile World had hoped to raise $400,000 and a crowdfunding page had been launched to steer goodwill towards the zoo.

But on Friday, the organization posted to its Facebook that its quarter-century run in the Badlands was coming to a close.

"We regret to inform everyone that Reptile World will be closing their doors as of today," the statement read. "We will keep this page open and continue to post information as we receive it. We thank everyone for their support, passion, and kind words during this difficult time." JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Protect and grow your money with the 3-year BMO RateRiser Plus GIC.

Ask us about our Special Rate Offer.*

BMO
We're here to help.™

The 3-year BMO® RateRiser® Plus GIC.
It's RSP Season.
Visit a branch or bmo.com/rateriser for details and to book an appointment

1.10% Year 1* | 1.20% Year 2* | 1.30% Year 3*
Rates in effect February 3 to March 2, 2015.

*Interest is paid annually or compounded annually and paid at maturity. Interest rates are subject to change at any time without prior notice. ™/® Trademarks of Bank of Montreal.

Police issue public appeal to solve bank heist

Calgary police have issued a new appeal for help in solving a six-year-old bank robbery and believe an employee may have provided "inside knowledge" to the offender.

On Feb. 7, 2009, a man entered the TD Canada Trust located at 3012–17 Ave. SE and brandished a handgun. He forced staff to the open the bank's vault, took a "substantial quantity of cash" and then locked employees inside.

Det. Stu Keown told reporters Monday that it's now believed the robber was provided information about the specific "opening procedures" used at the TD.

"All I can really say is that each particular branch has their own opening procedures and, as well, that those opening procedures are constantly changing and evolving as technology evolves as better procedures evolve," he said.

The service released new CCTV footage in hopes of generating new clues Monday.

The suspect is described as a Caucasian male, standing six-feet-tall and was wearing blue coveralls, a white hard hat and black ski mask.

Keown said he keeps in regular contact with the victims of the robbery and that many are still struggling psychologically six years on.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

The suspect wanted in a 2009 bank robbery is seen in newly released CCTV footage. COURTESY CALGARY POLICE

Crime. Police probe deadly incident at apartment

Calgary police homicide investigators were on scene at an apartment in the city's southwest area after an apparent fight turned deadly Monday.

Officers were called to the home in the 1500 block of 28th Avenue SW just after 1 a.m. amid reports of an unwanted guest.

"It looks like a fight broke out and a person, a male in their 40s, was rushed to hospital by EMS but declared deceased on arrival," said Const. Jody Cross.

Police had taken one man into custody.

If the man's death is determined to be a homicide it would be Calgary's fourth of 2015.

METRO

Alcohol

Council outlaws booze at city hall

Members of city council voted Monday to ban themselves from possessing alcohol inside city hall and from being impaired by booze while on official city business.

The new policy, which passed by a 10-4 vote, sets similar rules for elected officials as already exist for city staff, and also covers illegal narcotics.

"The objective here is to ensure a safe and respectful workplace for all," said Coun. Druh Farrell. "This is a no-brainer."

The move comes in the wake of divisive debate over past alcohol-fuelled behaviour at city hall that numerous councillors have described as embarrassing.

But Coun. Sean Chu, who doesn't drink, described the change as unnecessary.

"We're responsible adults," he said. "We're operating a $4-billion corporation, and then, we cannot, after work, have a little sip?"

Coun. Andre Chabot, who has admitted to having drinks with guests in his council office on rare occasions, voted in favour of the new policy, but also called it unnecessary.

"I think it's redundant at the end of the day," he said. "We're all elected officials and subject to public opinion. If we step out of line, there's the ultimate way of dealing with us and that's by removing us from office."

Coun. Ray Jones voted against the policy, saying the wording is too vague and what constitutes "impairment" and official "City of Calgary business" is too open to interpretation.

Jones noted a member of the public recently gave him grief for having a drink at a bar in Bragg Creek.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Members of Calgary city council routinely sit in this semicircle for hours on end, day and night, for council meetings that stretch well past normal working hours. METRO FILE

Late city council meetings cost an extra $10K each

Overtime. City staff on the clock have to sit around to wait for council to call on them

ROBSON FLETCHER
robson.fletcher@metronews.ca

Calgary's city councillors started a regular meeting Monday at 9:30 a.m. and they fully expected to still be meeting at 9:30 p.m., with the final four or five hours costing taxpayers an extra $10,000.

That's the best estimate for the cost of overtime for all the extra staff who have to stay late into the evening, waiting for council to get to an item for which they may have to make a presentation or answer questions.

City chief financial officer Eric Sawyer said that's an "order of magnitude" estimate of the total price tag, assuming overtime is being paid out to 21 employees who are eligible for it. (Senior city staff members like general managers and directors aren't eligible.)

"What we tried to do was make our best estimate of the cost of that, and it was about $10,000," Sawyer said.

Coun. Druh Farrell wondered if that also included the additional city staff members who are following the council meeting on TV or the web from their offices.

"It didn't specifically include who might be in their offices watching — we just don't know that information," Sawyer replied.

"It's hard to tell," he added. "A lot of people who might be sitting in council chambers or in their office might not be eligible or claiming overtime."

Sawyer also said the $10,000 figure is a rough estimate and the precise cost for a given late-running council meeting "would vary widely depending on what's being heard in the evening."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said "talking less" may be the simplest solution to save the city both time and money.

Quoted

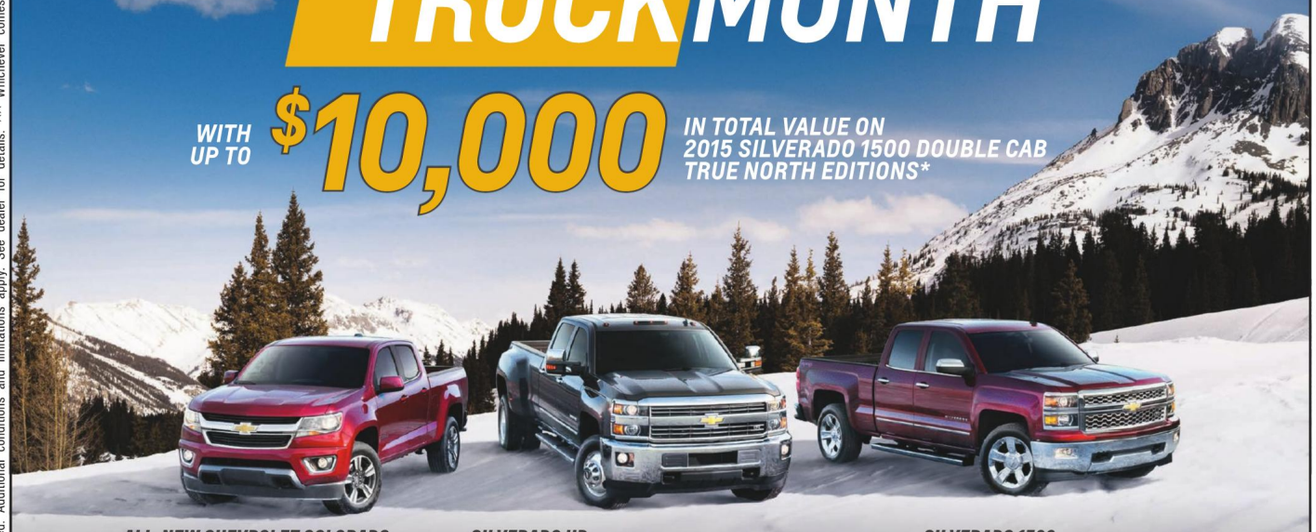
"Sometimes we like to go on and on and on about things and request lots of reports and so on. Sometimes we've got to just make a decision."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi, on city council's frequent verbosity.

CHEVROLET

TRUCK MONTH

WITH UP TO **$10,000** IN TOTAL VALUE ON 2015 SILVERADO 1500 DOUBLE CAB TRUE NORTH EDITIONS*



ALL-NEW CHEVROLET COLORADO
2015 MOTOR TREND TRUCK OF THE YEAR®

SILVERADO HD
"HIGHEST-RANKED LARGE HEAVY-DUTY PICKUP IN INITIAL QUALITY IN THE U.S." BY J.D. POWER‡

SILVERADO 1500
"LOWEST TOTAL COST OF OWNERSHIP IN ITS CLASS" BY VINCENTRIC™‡‡

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET GREAT OFFERS ON OUR AWARDED TRUCK LINEUP.

2015 SILVERADO 1500 4X4 DOUBLE CAB 1WT

LEASE **$149 @ 0%** + YOUR FIRST TWO BI-WEEKLY PAYMENTS ON US**

BI-WEEKLY FOR 36 MONTHS WITH $699 DOWN

BASED ON A LEASE PRICE OF $29,499¥. INCLUDES $1,000 OWNER CASH FOR ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS¬†, $4,500 IN CREDITS, $1,000 DISCOUNT CREDIT, $1,000 LEASE CASH, FREIGHT & PDI.

OR

FINANCE **0%** FOR **48** MONTHS¥¥

OR STEP UP TO A TRUE NORTH EDITION

2015 SILVERADO 1500 DOUBLE CAB TRUE NORTH EDITION

TRUE NORTH

$4,500 DELIVERY CREDIT
$2,080 CASH CREDIT
$2,420 PACKAGE DISCOUNT
$1,000 OWNER CASH

UP TO **$10,000** TOTAL VALUE*

TRUE NORTH EDITION INCLUDES:

MYLINK¤ WITH 4G LTE WI-FI®¬

REMOTE START

CLASS-EXCLUSIVE AUTO-MATIC LOCKING REAR DIFFERENTIAL

REAR VISION CAMERA

AND MORE! SEE GM.CA FOR DETAILS

NHTSA www.nhtsa.gov 5-STAR OVERALL VEHICLE SCORE FOR SAFETY^^

LONGEST PICKUP POWERTRAIN WARRANTYIN CANADA, 60,000 KM MORE THAN FORD AND RAM:‡

Fuel Efficiency **10.6** L/100 KM HWY ECOTEC3 ENGINE FOR IMPROVED FUEL EFFICIENCY

4G LTE WI-FI¬

ALL 2015S COME WITH CHEVROLET COMPLETE CARE: **2** YEARS/40,000 KM COMPLIMENTARY OIL CHANGES* / **5** YEARS/160,000 KM POWERTRAIN WARRANTY^^ / **5** YEARS/160,000 KM ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE^^

AlbertaChevrolet.com

FIND NEW ROADS™ / OFFERS END MARCH 2ND

ON NOW AT YOUR ALBERTA CHEVROLET DEALERS. AlbertaChevrolet.com 1-800-GM-DRIVE. Chevrolet is a brand of General Motors of Canada. Offers apply to the lease and finance of a 2015 Silverado 1500 Double Cab 1WT (K05/G80/B30/H2R) and purchase of a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab 1LT equipped with a True North Edition, equipped as described. Freight ($1,695) and PDI included. License, insurance, registration, administration fees, dealer fees, PPSA and taxes not included. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offers which may not be combined with other offers, and are subject to change without notice. Offers apply to qualified retail customers in Alberta Chevrolet Dealer Marketing Association area only. Dealer order or trade may be required. * $10,000 is a combined total credit consisting of a $4,500 manufacturer to dealer delivery credit (tax exclusive) for 2015 Silverado 1500 Double Cab, $1,000 Owner Cash (tax inclusive), a $2,420 manufacturer to dealer Option Package Discount Credit (tax exclusive) for 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab 1LT equipped with a True North Edition, and a $2,080 manufacturer to dealer cash credit (tax exclusive) on Silverado 1500 Double Cab LS Chrome Edition, LT and LTZ, which is available for cash purchases only and cannot be combined with special lease and finance rates. By selecting lease or finance offers, consumers are foregoing this $2,080 credit which will result in higher effective interest rates. Discounts vary by model. ‡ The Chevrolet Silverado HD received the lowest number of problems per 100 vehicles among large heavy-duty pickups in the proprietary J.D. Power U.S. 2014 Initial Quality Study℠. Study based on responses from 86,118 new-vehicle owners, measuring 239 models and measures opinions after 90 days of ownership. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of owners surveyed in February-May 2014. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. ‡‡ Based on Vincentric 2014 Model Level Analysis of full-size pickups in the Canadian retail market. ¥ Lease based on a purchase price of $29,499 (including $1,000 lease credit, $4,500 manufacturer to dealer delivery credit, a $1,000 manufacturer to dealer Option Package Discount Credit and a $952 Owner Cash) for a Silverado Double Cab 4X4 1WT. Bi-weekly payment is $149 for 36 months at 0.0% APR, and includes Freight and Air Tax, on approved credit to qualified retail customers by GM Financial. Annual kilometer limit of 20,000 km, $0.16 per excess kilometer. $699 down payment is required. Payment may vary depending on down payment trade. Total obligation is $12,297, plus applicable taxes. Option to purchase at lease end is $17,202. Price and total obligation exclude license, insurance, registration, taxes, dealer fees and optional equipment. Other lease options are available. Dealers are free to set individual prices. Limited time offer which may not be combined with other offers. See your dealer for conditions and details. General Motors of Canada Limited reserves the right to amend or terminate this offer, in whole or in part, at any time without prior notice. †† Offer applies to eligible current owners or lessees of any model year 1999 or newer car that has been registered and insured in Canada in the customer's name for the previous consecutive six (6) months. Credit valid towards the retail purchase or lease of one eligible 2015 model year Chevrolet car, SUV, crossover and pickups models delivered in Canada between February 3 and March 2, 2015. Credit is a manufacturer to consumer incentive (tax inclusive). $1,500 credit available on eligible Chevrolet vehicles (except Chevrolet Colorado Z5A, Corvette, Camaro 228, and Malibu LS). Offer is transferable to a family member living within the same household (proof of address required). As part of the transaction, dealer may request documentation and contact General Motors of Canada Limited (GMCL) to verify eligibility. This offer may not be redeemed for cash and may not be combined with certain other consumer incentives. Certain limitations or conditions apply. Void where prohibited. See your GMCL dealer for details. ¤ Offer valid to eligible retail lessees in Canada who have obtained credit approval by and entered into a lease agreement with GM Financial, and who accept delivery from February 3 through March 2, 2015 of any new or demonstrator 2015 model year Chevrolet (except 2015MY Chevrolet Colorado Z5A), City Express excluded at outset of program; will be eligible once residuals become available. General Motors of Canada will pay the first two bi-weekly lease payments as defined on the lease agreement (inclusive of taxes). After the first two bi-weekly payments, lessee will be required to make all remaining scheduled payments over the remaining term of the lease agreement. PPSA/RDPRM is not due. Consumer may be required to pay dealer fees. Insurance, license, and applicable taxes not included. Additional conditions and limitations apply. GM reserves the right to modify or terminate this offer at any time without prior notice. See dealer for details. ¬ Functionality varies by model. Full functionality requires compatible Bluetooth® and smartphone, and USB connectivity for some devices. ~ Requires compatible mobile device, active OnStar service and data plan. Visit onstar.ca for coverage maps, details and system limitations. Services and connectivity may vary by model and conditions. OnStar with 4G LTE connectivity is available on certain vehicles and select markets. Customers will be able to access this service only if they accept the OnStar User Terms and Privacy Statement (including software terms). Government 5-Star Safety Ratings are part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA's) New Car Assessment Program (www.SaferCar.gov). ‡‡ Based on wardsauto.com 2014 Large Pickup segment and latest competitive information available at time of posting. Excludes other GM vehicles. 3-year/60,000 kilometre Powertrain Limited Warranty, whichever comes first. See dealer for details. ^ Whichever comes first. Limit of four ACDelco Lube-Oil-Filter services in total. Fluid top-offs, inspections, tire rotations, wheel alignments and balancing, etc., are not covered. Additional conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details. ^^ Whichever comes first. Limit of four ACDelco Lube-Oil-Filter services in total. Fluid top-offs, inspections, tire rotations, wheel alignments and balancing, etc., are not covered. Additional conditions and limitations apply. See dealer for details.

COUNTRY HILLS HYUNDAI
DRIVING HIGHER STANDARDS
WE HAVE OVER 300 NEW AND 1000 USED VEHICLES STARTING AT $1,000 OR $25/WEEK! MSRPS ADJUSTED BY UP TO $1,300 ON NEW HYUNDAIS
CHHYUNDAI.COMCHHYUNDAI.COMCHHYUNDAI.COMCHHYUNDAI.COMCHHYUNDAI.COM
FREE TRADE CELEBRATION EVENT
AUTO NEWS
HYUNDAI SLASHES PRICES!
Free Trade Agreement signed with South Korea gives Canadians price reductions on select Hyundai vehicles
ENDS MARCH 2ND!
LOWER PRICES AND LOWER PAYMENTS
LAST CHANCE AT ADDITIONAL BONUS INCENTIVES DURING THIS HISTORIC CELEBRATION!
CH799642
CH581782
2015 ACCENT 4DR L MANUAL
$9,367 $1,595
$10,962 $4,182
INCLUDES A 60-MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY!
2015 ELANTRA L MANUAL
$10,867 $1,595
$12,462 $5,132
INCLUDES A 60-MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY!
CH992469
CH233072
2015 TUCSON GL FWD
$18,102 $1,760
$19,862 $3,897
INCLUDES A 60-MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY!
2015 SANTA FE SPORT 2.4L FWD
$23,067 $1,795
$24,862 $3,832
INCLUDES A 60-MONTH LIMITED WARRANTY!
BOOK TODAY, SERVICE TODAY 403-984-9697
1 Oil and filter change up 5 liters of regular oil, under hood inspection and top up fluids/rotate or swap winter tires on rims/Ethanol Defender service. $99.95
2 Oil and filter change up 5 liters of regular oil, under hood inspection and fluid top up/in-cabin filter replacement, and coolant drain and fill. $199.95
COUNTRY HILLS HYUNDAI
2307 Country Hills Blvd NE
Calgary, AB T3J 0R4
403-984-9699
CHHYUNDAI.COM
AUTOCREDITCLUB.COM
Kaizen PART OF THE KAIZEN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP | KAIZENAUTO.COM
PRICES OF MODELS SHOWN: 2015 ACCENT GLS AUTO/ELANTRA LIMITED/TUCSON LIMITED/SANTA FE SPORT LIMITED ARE $20,794/$26,794/$26,794/$35,769/$41,444. DELIVERY AND DESTINATION CHARGES OF $1,595/$1,795/$1,760/$1,795. FREE TRADE BONUS OF UP TO $3,832/$4,532/$3,897/$3,832 AVAILABLE ON ALL NEW 2015 ACCENT 4-DOOR L MANUAL/ELANTRA L MANUAL/TUCSON GL FWD/SANTA FE SPORT 2.4L FWD MODELS FINANCE OFFERS AVAILABLE O.A.C. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS EXEMPT. ALL PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE: ACCESSORIES (BLOCK HEATER, WHEEL LOCKS, MUD GUARDS, NITRO), LEVY'S OR GST. VEHICLES MAY NOT BE EXACTLY AS SHOWN. DEALER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO END PROMOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE. SEE DEALER FOR FULL DETAILS.

Calgary's mayor is concerned that using names that "don't really have anything to do" with each other, such as Sam Livingston, left, and Guy Weadick, for new streets and neighbourhoods may prevent their use in other areas. COURTESY GLENBOW MUSEUM

City council OKs Livingston name

Development.
New suburb's name approved, but mayor asks developer to go easy on other names

ROBSON FLETCHER
robson.fletcher@metronews.ca

One of Calgary's newest communities will be named after one of the city's oldest residents, after city council voted Monday to grant the moniker of Livingston to a planned suburb on the city's northern periphery.

Settling in the Calgary area in the late 1800s, Sam Livingston and his wife, Jane Howse, "may have been Calgary's first citizens," according to the Calgary Planning Commission report that recommends the name.

In its application to the city, developer Brookfield Residential said the name "has a historical link to Calgary in its formative years and resonates with where the land comes from," noting Livingston was also an innovator who brought mechanized equipment to southern Alberta farms for the first time.

"Livingston connects the past with the present to promote the pioneer theme that will also be portrayed in the proposed street names," Brookfield states.

Quoted

"If you can find two new names, other than Weadick and Pearce ... I think that would be a lovely thing to do."
Mayor Naheed Nenshi

It's in that area, however, that Mayor Naheed Nenshi had one word of caution for the developer.

While council's approval of the community name was unanimous, Nenshi's worried about the developer's plan to broaden the theme by naming streets in the community after other pioneers, such as Guy Weadick, the founder of the Calgary Stampede, and William Pearce, who set aside land for Calgary's river parks.

"I am a little bit concerned that we're stopping ourselves from future neighbourhoods being named after these folks," the mayor said. "The names Weadick and Pearce are very, very deeply tied to Calgary's history but don't really have anything to do with Sam Livingston."

Ian Cope of the Calgary Planning Commission said naming a street after a particular person now wouldn't necessarily preclude a future community from bearing the same name, although it could lead to confusion.

Nenshi "strongly" suggested that Brookfield look for other historical figures for street names in Livingston.

"If you can find two new names, other than Weadick and Pearce, and save those for other neighbourhoods, I think that would be a lovely thing to do," he said.

Livingston is set to develop just north of Coventry Hills and Panorama Hills.

The new community of Livingston is planned for the area north of Stoney Trail around Centre Street. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

MRU student makes headway with GPS wallet

Tech startups. Device measuring 3 by 5 cm will be smallest on the marker, says developer

JENNIFER FRIESEN
calgary@metronews.ca

What began as an idea left in a notebook has become a new business venture for 23-year-old Brad Williamson, and now he's hoping to cash in.

After losing his wallet twice in two years, he decided to revisit his old idea: to manufacture wallets with GPS trackers inside.

Now in his final year of business at Mount Royal University, Williamson is hoping to launch the "NovoWallet."

"It's essentially the 'Find My iPhone' app, but for your wallet," he said. "The only difference is that it's not an app, it's a tangible device."

After conducting a survey, Williamson found that 54 per cent of respondents had lost their wallets — a number he said wasn't surprising.

"We're active in Calgary," he said. "We're very hustle-and-bustle, sometimes we're a little absent-minded, and it's really stressful when you have your wallet lost or stolen."

Williamson is currently in the research phase of the NovoWallet, with sourcing requests in at 1,600 manufacturers throughout Asia. At three centimetres tall and five centimetres wide, Williamson said the device will be the smallest on the market, with battery power to last a year.

The project is a part of his work in a pilot course at the university, called LaunchPad Accelerator. He expects to build a prototype within the next two months and will then start looking for investors.

NovoWallet creator Brad Williamson
JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Education. Survey: Albertans concerned about classroom support

More than 80 per cent of Albertans polled in a recent survey said there is a lack of support staff in classrooms across the province.

According to the Alarm Bells Ringing: Voices from Schools report, released by Public Interest Alberta, 434 individuals including teachers, students, school staff and parents highlighted some of the most concerning classroom conditions in the province.

Growing class sizes, more complex classroom makeup and a lack of resources to address the a variety of student needs were some of the main concerns, the report found.

In one case, a retired Airdrie principal recalled a situation when a teacher was bitten so badly by a student that they drew blood. As a result, the staff was issued protective gear.

"Give me a break," they wrote. "This is not the role of the regular classroom teacher."

PIA's executive director Bill Moore-Kilgannon said the organization launched the survey in November last year after hearing anecdotally about classroom issues.

Quoted

"We have known for years that growing class sizes, inadequate classroom space and a lack of resources means our kids are not getting the education they deserve."
Deron Bilous, NDP education critic

"We've been hearing for quite some time about problems with class sizes increasing and the issues of inclusion of children with special needs in classes without enough support staff," he said.

In a prepared statement from the Alberta NDP, education critic Deron Bilous said the PIA report reaffirmed fears the party has had about classroom dynamics.

"We have known for years that growing class sizes, inadequate classroom space and a lack of resources means our kids are not getting the education they deserve and that the current system is failing them," said Bilous. LEAH HOLOIDAY/METRO

City hall

Council agrees to create integrity commissioner

Calgary will indeed go ahead and hire an integrity commissioner on a part-time, retainer basis to investigate complaints against members of city council and decide on appropriate resolutions.

City council, as a whole, voted Monday to approve a committee's earlier recommendation to create the position, which would be similar to existing watchdog offices in other municipalities.

The move comes after some members of council levelled allegations — but not details — of what they described as their colleagues' past misbehaviour.

Current whistleblower rules see complaints against councillors handled by council itself, and Mayor Naheed Nenshi said it will be more effective to have a third-party take on that task.

"The other job, often, is to act in an advisory role," Nenshi said. "The idea is that this integrity commissioner would be able to give you advice, in advance, in addition to an investigative role."
ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

STAMPEDE TOYOTA
TOYOTA Certified USED VEHICLES
ONCE A TOYOTA, ALWAYS A TOYOTA
VISIT US ONLINE AT
2TOYOTA.COM
ONE OF CALGARY'S LARGEST VOLUME TOYOTA CERTIFIED USED VEHICLE DEALERS
2013 TOYOTA VENZA V6 AWD
9 TO CHOOSE FROM
TOURING WITH NAVIGATION!!! ONLY 49,000KM'S 6387A
WAS $36,000 SALE $31,000
2013 TOYOTA VENZA 4CYL AWD
9 TO CHOOSE FROM
LOADED W/LEATHER AND PANORAMIC SUNROOF!!! 54,000KM'S 6388A
WAS $30,000 SALE $26,000
2012 TOYOTA VENZA V6 AWD
9 TO CHOOSE FROM
LOADED W/LEATHER AND PANORAMIC SUNROOF!!! ONLY 51,000KM'S 6411A
WAS $31,000 SALE $28,000
2014 TOYOTA RAV4 LE
6 TO CHOOSE FROM
LIKE NEW!!! ONLY 17,000KM'S 6393A
WAS $31,000 SALE $27,000
FROM 1.9% FINANCING
2013 TOYOTA TACOMA DBL CAB V6
10 TO CHOOSE FROM
TRD SPORT W/LEATHER!!! ONLY 33,000KM'S 6383A
WAS $41,000 SALE $36,000
2011 TOYOTA TACOMA DBL CAB V6
10 TO CHOOSE FROM
TRD SPORT W/LEATHER ONLY 65,000KM'S 6371A
WAS $35,000 SALE $32,000
2011 TOYOTA TACOMA DBL CAB V6
10 TO CHOOSE FROM
TRD SPORT!!! ONLY 93,000KM'S 6412A
WAS $31,000 SALE $28,000
2009 TOYOTA COROLLA CE
6 TO CHOOSE FROM
NICE CLEAN CAR!!! 118,000KM'S 150154A
WAS $14,000 SALE $9,000
MANAGER WEEKLY SPECIALS
2010 LEXUS RX350
9 TO CHOOSE FROM
NICE CLEAN SUV!!! 84,000KM'S 6376A
WAS $34,000 SALE $30,000
2010 LEXUS RX350
9 TO CHOOSE FROM
PRICED TO SELL!!! 90,000KM'S 6343A
WAS $34,000 SALE $29,000
2009 BMW 328i XDRIVE MANUAL
VERY CLEAN CAR!!!, PREMIUM W/ SUNROOF & DINAN PACKAGE ONLY 93,000 KMS 6391A
WAS $28,000 SALE $25,000
2008 DODGE VIPER SRT-10
BELOW COST!!!
CALGARY CAR!!! 700HP!!! BELOW COST BLOWOUT!!! ONLY 11,000KM'S 6149A
WAS $81,000 SALE $65,000
STAMPEDE TOYOTA
SALES HOTLINE 1.888.479.7889
DEERFOOT TRAIL
TRANS CANADA
BARLOW TRAIL
DO YOU HAVE A CREDIT PROBLEM?
BAD CREDIT
NO CREDIT
BANKRUPTCY
WE HAVE A SOLUTION!
STAMPEDEAPPROVED.COM
A HOT NEW BRAND OF SERVICE | 2 BLOCKS NORTH OF THE TRANS CANADA HWY JUST OFF BARLOW TRAIL

Aboriginals enrolling in post-secondary on the rise

Education. Financial, historical barriers remain for prospective students

JEREMY NOLAIS
jeremy.nolais@metronews.ca

Dwight Farahat was a teenager living on his own with a mounting stack of bills to pay.

He tried to transfer to a high school he hoped would be a better fit but was met with questions from the principal about potential gang affiliations and past criminal dealings.

"I felt like I was set up right from the start, to be honest with you," he said. "And then I kind of just gave up."

Farahat dropped out and got a job, but it would take years before he found a true calling as a youth worker. Even then, the obstacles continued to come. While vying for one job, Farahat was told by his interviewer that she would have hired him had he met the proper educational requirements.

"This is the problem for a lot of aboriginals — you have to choose between food and shelter and school," said Farahat, who traces his roots back to Siksika Nation. "Just the thought of getting a university degree is way out there — it's like going to space."

2013 data

Education level of aboriginal Albertans ages 25-64:

- **University degree:** 8.8% (compared to 27% among non-aboriginals)
- **Post-secondary certificate or diploma:** 39.6% (compared to 35.8%)
- **Some post-secondary:** 7.1% (compared to 5.2%)
- **High school graduate:** 22.2% (compared to 22.5%)
- **Some high school or less:** 22.3% (compared to 9.5%)

Provincial data does show some signs of promise, however. The province began tracking the number of declared aboriginals in advanced education in 2004-05 and since then the total has shot up 70 per cent to 10,610 students.

As well, aboriginals now make up about four per cent of the total student population, where they previously accounted for 2.6 per cent.

Kevin O'Connor, an assistant professor at Mount Royal University, at one point oversaw the federal government's post-secondary program for aboriginals. He said, unlike in primary school, the feds only provide partial funding for aboriginals seeking education beyond Grade 12.

"According to the federal government, they're not responsible, yet they do provide some funds," he said. "Those funds, I would suggest, are antiquated."

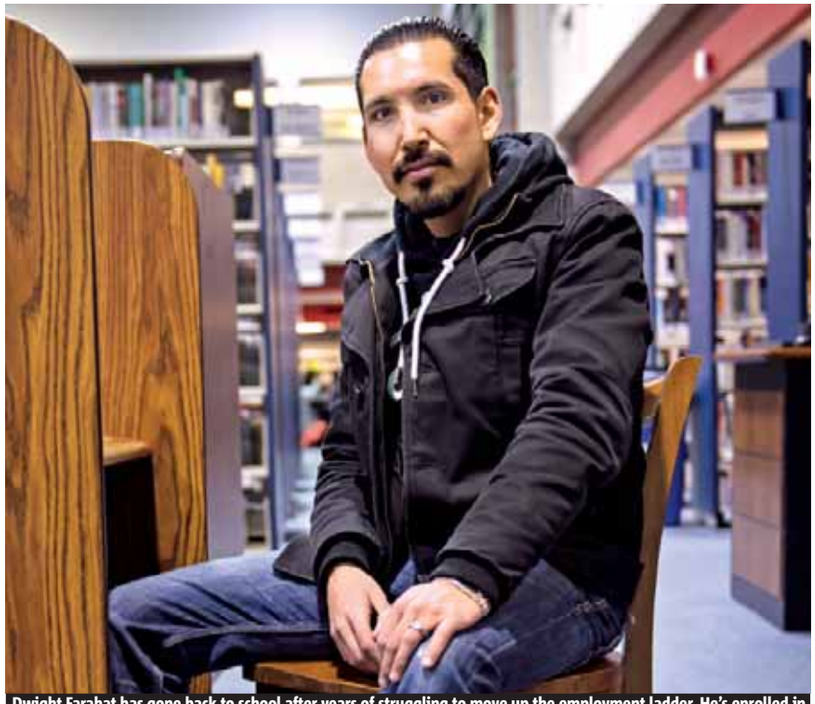
O'Connor said other obstacles are in play as well, including the fallout of residential school abuse and the prospects of an aboriginal living on a more rural reserve having to leave that behind and head to a big city.

Craig Loewen, press secretary to Alberta Advanced Education Minister Don Scott, said the province is taking steps to boost aboriginal post-secondary enrolment, but conceded, "We've got quite a ways to go there."

As an example, last May the ministry poured $400,000 into the Indspire Building Bright Futures Program, an amount that was matched by the federal government. Indspire is the second-largest funding agency of indigenous post-secondary in Canada and is outdone only by the federal government's student support program.

Loewen didn't go into specifics but said, "Minister Scott is looking at a few different initiatives and a few changes to the way we do things to increase aboriginal participation and (he's) hoping to make those changes within the year."

Farahat, for his part, has enrolled in Mount Royal's social work program and is currently in his first year of study at age 31.



Dwight Farahat has gone back to school after years of struggling to move up the employment ladder. He's enrolled in Mount Royal University's social work program. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"Many of our parents went to residential school and never had a chance at having a proper childhood or proper schooling," he said. "They were raised in institutions. Because of the strength of the residential school survivors, my generation now has the chance to pave the way for our children. It is an exciting time for our people — I cannot wait to see what the future holds for the youth."

RICK MERCER REPORT
Rick is in Ottawa to help set a Guinness World Record for the most snowmen built in an hour.
BRAND NEW EPISODE
TONIGHT 8
8:30NT
cbc.ca/mercerreport
Followed by 22 Minutes at 8:30/9NT
CBC
#FallforCBC

Search hindered by avalanche risk again

Banff National Park. Searchers spent 2.5 hours on the ground Monday looking for Sgt. Salesse before being forced to retreat

ROBSON FLETCHER
robson.fletcher@metronews.ca

Parks Canada searchers were finally able access a mountainous avalanche site Monday where they believe Sgt. Mark Anthony Salesse was buried by snow last Thursday, but the recovery effort continues.

"We were able to get on the ground briefly," Parks Canada communications officer Tania Peters said in an email late Thursday afternoon, adding: "We do not anticipate any significant changes to the situation over the next several days."

Brian Webster, Parks Canada incident commander for the search operation, said the overhead avalanche risk made it simply "too dangerous" on Saturday to send search crews into the area, after initially flying over the site Friday and assessing that "the climber had been completely buried in the avalanche."

Avalanche control was carried out over the weekend. An initial plan to fly searchers in on Sunday was cancelled due to ongoing risk.

Four people and two dog handlers spent about two and a half hours on the ground searching on Monday before leaving due to increasing avalanche risk.

They found no clues as to the whereabouts of the climber, who went missing on Thursday afternoon while conducting training exercises on the world-famous Polar Circus ice-climbing route.

"It's a fairly long climb," Webster said. "It's nine rope lengths of ice — nine pitches of ice — separated by snow slopes. So the climbers had successfully climbed the waterfall and they were descending — they were about halfway down — when one of the climbers traversed out on one of the snow slopes in between the technical ice pitches, triggered a small avalanche and then was swept over the cliff."

Salesse, 44, was a member of the 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron based at 17 Wing Winnipeg.

He won a Governor General's Medal for bravery for his service in Croatia.

He wasn't married and had no children but was recently thinking of settling down from military life and starting a family, according to his mother, Liz Quinn.

"My only consolation at this time is that Mark was doing what he loved best," she said.

This illustrated photo shows where the avalanche occurred and where searchers believe Sgt. Mark Salesse, inset, is buried. PARKS CANADA; INSET: DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

FIAT
IT'S AMAZING HOW LITTLE IT COSTS TO MAKE A BIG IMPRESSION
2015 - POP
> STK#150071 $18,290 OR $105/BW
2015 - TURBO
>STK#150341 $24,967 OR $142/BW
2015 - CABRIO
>STK#150000 $24,480 OR $140/BW
2015 - L POP
>STK#150430 $30,200 OR $170/BW
2015 - ABARTH
>STK#150565 $29,562 OR $168/BW
2014 - TREKKING
>STK#142017 $29,900 OR $169/BW
RENFREW 80 Years
YOUR DOWNTOWN CHRYSLER CONNECTION
RENFREWCHRYSLER.COM
1.888.861.7964
1920 PUMPHOUSE AVE SW
SEE DEALER FOR DETAILS. ALL PAYMENTS ARE WITH $0 DOWN, 3.49% OVER 96MONTHS O.A.C.

Ontario MP calls Tories 'fear-mongers and bullies'

Federal politics. Former Tory MP Eve Adams crossed the floor Monday to join Liberals

Former Conservative MP Eve Adams is joined by Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau as she announces on Monday in Ottawa that she is leaving the Conservative Party to join the Liberal Party of Canada. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Justin Trudeau's Liberals scored a two-fer Monday.

Toronto-area Conservative MP Eve Adams crossed the floor to sit with the Liberals.

And her surprise defection had the full support of her fiancé, former top Conservative operative Dimitri Soudas — long considered one of Stephen Harper's fiercest loyalists and an architect of the Tories' re-election strategy for 2015.

Within hours, Soudas made it clear he's prepared to use his inside knowledge of the Conservatives against them.

"Mike, stand down on throwing stones from glass houses," he tweeted in response to what he considered a jab at Adams from Edmonton Tory MP Mike Lake.

"What did you ask me to do again?"

Conservatives cast Adams' decision as opportunism by a woman spurned by the governing party. Party president John Walsh said Adams previously asked about running in another riding after the party barred her last summer from running in Oakville North-Burlington. But Adams and Trudeau cast her move as a matter of principle.

"This is not about having a tough day at the office; everybody has grumpy bosses from time to time," Adams said.

"This is about the fact that my values simply don't align with this (Conservative) team, and I'd like to continue serving Canadians."

Trudeau noted that she continued to serve as a parliamentary secretary to the health minister right up until she resigned Monday.

Parliamentary secretaries are appointed by the prime minister and are one rung down from cabinet.

"I can no longer support mean-spirited leadership that divides people instead of bringing them together. We need a kind, generous and strong leadership that champions a shared vision for how to make Canada work for everyone. I want to work with someone who inspires, not with fear-mongers and bullies."

However, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair accused Trudeau of "stoking cynicism" about politics by welcoming an MP who, until Monday, had supported "every single decision" taken by Harper for the past nine years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Education. Harper halts movement on reforms, but funds in limbo: AFN chief

The new national chief of the Assembly of First Nations says Prime Minister Stephen Harper personally told him that the Conservative government will not move ahead with its controversial overhaul of aboriginal education.

That raises a big question mark over what happens to the $1.9 billion tied to the original bill, which has been in limbo since last spring when chiefs from across Canada flatly rejected its proposed reforms to First Nations education.

Perry Bellegarde said he asked Harper on Jan. 28 not to "re-profile" the money — meaning not to use funds set aside for First Nations education in last year's budget for another purpose — but added that he did not leave his meeting with the prime minister with a sense of optimism. Bellegarde warned of the message it would send to First Nations if the government decides to reassign the education funding.

"It would signal that they're not in touch with communities, not in touch with the needs and basically putting First Nations issues to the side when it comes to education." THE CANADIAN PRESS

#HarperCallEgypt

Fahmy's family launches campaign

The family of a Canadian journalist in an Egyptian prison launched an online campaign Monday, urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to intervene in the case.

Mohamed Fahmy's family called on supporters to use the hashtag HarperCallEgypt to encourage the prime minister to lobby for the 40-year-old's release.

Fahmy and his family were shocked by the announcement of a retrial date, as they had been told by then-foreign affairs minister John Baird that his release was "imminent." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prepare for a global career in the exciting and fast-paced world of Hospitality and Tourism. Attend a free, informative session to learn about one of these industry-connected programs:

- Butchery and Charcuterie Management
- Hospitality Management
- Professional Cooking
- Travel and Tourism

Join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm on SAIT Main Campus.
Register online at sait.ca or email hospitality.info@sait.ca to confirm your attendance.

SAIT POLYTECHNIC

Introducing the 2015 Valentine's Day Collection from PANDORA

Experience at:
— BOW VALLEY —
Jewellers
Downtown • Bow Valley Square
122, 205 - 5 Avenue S.W.
Calgary, Ab • 403-234-0888
Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

PANDORA®
UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

Starting January 15
Purchase the "From the Heart" Gift Set for $230.*
*While supplies last. See store for details.
Some jewelry displayed patented (US Pat. No. 7,007,507) • © Pandora • PANDORA.NET

A father and son tattoo project

Keith Anderson shows tattoos on his arm Thursday in Peterborough, Ont. Anderson's tattoos were copied from his 11-year-old son's artwork. When he looks at the daisy tattoo on his arm that his son drew, he thinks of his boy's first day of school. The memories come easily to Anderson because so many are etched into his right arm — he has eight tattoos of his son's drawings and more are coming.

PHOTO: FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Family hoping for a second miracle

Health. Three-year-old twin daughters of Ontario couple both need liver transplants, but their father, who is a match, can only donate once

An Ontario couple is still waiting for a liver donor to save one of their ailing twin girls despite intense media attention after going public.

The three-year-old girls' father — Michael Wagner — will donate part of his liver sometime in the next few weeks, but he can only save one of his daughters.

Johanne Wagner, the girls' mother, says she will sign up as a potential donor in a few months if another one isn't found by then. The twins — named Binh and Phuoc — have Alagille syndrome, a genetic disorder that affects the liver, heart and other organs, and without a liver transplant the girls will die.

The parents, who have nine kids, have asked doctors to decide which of the twins will receive their father's liver because they said they cannot choose. The couple's story, often compared to the film Sophie's Choice, has made headlines around the world.

Michael Wagner said his wife hasn't been tested yet because she needs to be there for the kids if something goes wrong with his transplant surgery. Michael underwent final testing last week at the Toronto General Hospital and is now awaiting the date of the surgery, he said, which should come within the next few weeks.

For the Wagners, waiting for the second donor is the toughest part.

"We're trying to keep ourselves busy," Johanne Wagner said. That's the easy part with nine children bouncing around the house.

Michael Wagner continues to struggle with the fact that he is a match for both girls, but cannot donate his liver twice.

"The cruel part of the liver is that you can only do it once," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finding a donor

The couple's story has led to a stark increase in interested donors, said Gary Levy, who runs the liver donor program at the hospital.

Outbreaks

Tests suggest Toronto measles not linked to Disneyland cases

Early evidence suggests Toronto's measles outbreak is not linked to the growing outbreak in the United States that appears to have started at the Disneyland theme parks in California.

Toronto Public Health said Monday that viruses from four of the six confirmed cases in the city have been typed, and they do not match the Disneyland outbreak strain. The viruses are from a strain known as D4, said Dr. Vinita Dubey, an associate medical officer of health with Toronto Public Health.

The virus responsible for the theme-park outbreak is B3, which was the cause of a very large measles outbreak in the Philippines in 2014. The Philippines recorded more than 21,000 measles cases and 110 deaths last year.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control said Monday that it has recorded 121 measles cases so far in 2015, with 114 of them linked to the Disneyland outbreak.

Test results are still pending on the virus type for the two most recent measles cases in Toronto, said Dubey. Those results won't be in until late this week or early next week, she said.

The D4 strain of measles circulates in a number of different parts of the world. So while the results rule out a Disneyland link, they do not tell public health officials where this virus came from.

Dubey said D4 has circulated in the past in parts of Asia, in Europe and even in Canada.

While public health has been working hard to look for links among the cases, they have yet to find any. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Be certain when the weather isn't.

Mercedes-Benz CERTIFIED
Certified. Affordable. Luxury.

Financing from 0.9% for 24 months on ALL 2011-2013 Certified Pre-Owned models + 3 month payment waiver.

Become the new owner of a Certified Pre-Owned Mercedes-Benz and benefit from:

- Reassurance: 150-point certification inspection
- Warranty: standard Star Certified warranty up to 6 years or 120,000 km
- Confidence: complete vehicle history report
- Security: 24-hour special roadside assistance
- Peace of mind: five day/ 500km exchange privilege

0.9%* Finance APR 24* Months

*Excluding AMG.

For a complete listing, visit your local Mercedes-Benz dealership or mercedes-benz.ca/certified

Ask us about Prepaid Maintenance.
Mercedes-Benz.ca/PPM

Mercedes-Benz
The best or nothing.

Lone Star Mercedes-Benz | 10 Heritage Meadows Rd. S.E | 403.253.1333 | lonestarmercedesbenz.com

© 2015 Mercedes-Benz Canada Inc.*0.9% financing only available through Mercede-Benz Financial Services on approved credit for a limited time. Available for 24 month finance on model year 2011-2013 Certified Mercedes-Benz excluding AMG (less than 140,000 km). Finance example base on a 2011 model: $25,000 at 0.9% per annum equals $1051.46 per month for 24 months. Cost of borrowing is $235.05 for a total obligation of $25,235.05. Down payment may be required. Vehicle licence, insurance, registration and sales taxes are extra. Dealer may lease or finance for less. Offer may change without notice and cannot be combined with any other offers. See your authorized Mercedes-Benz dealer for details or call the Mercedes-Benz Customer Relations Centre at 1-800-387-0100. Offer ends February 28, 2015.

Obama, Merkel reaffirm unity in securing Ukraine peace plan

Foreign affairs. While Obama mulls defensively arming Ukrainian forces, Merkel stands strong in non-military approach

U.S. President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel declared Monday that Russian aggression in Ukraine has only reinforced the unity of the U.S. and Europe, as they weighed the prospects of reviving an elusive peace plan to end the conflict.

Still, Obama held open the prospect that if a new round of diplomacy this week fails, the U.S. could send Ukraine's beleaguered military defensive weaponry. Merkel and other European leaders staunchly oppose arming Ukraine, in part out of fear of sparking a proxy war with Russia.

The U.S. and Europe have largely been in agreement on their response to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, raising the prospect that a public split over lethal aid is a tactic to push Russian President Vladimir Putin to agree to a peace plan.

During a joint White House news conference with Obama, Merkel reaffirmed that she sees no military solution to the fighting in eastern Ukraine. However, she added that no matter what Obama decides, "the alliance between the United States and Europe will continue to stand."

Merkel and French President Francois Hollande met with Putin and Ukrainian leaders last week and announced a new summit meeting for Wednesday in Minsk, Belarus.

Merkel, who has perhaps the most productive relationship with Putin of any Western leader, said reaching a diplomatic agreement was crucial to keeping the peace in Europe.

"I myself actually would not be able to live without having made this attempt," she said through a translator.

More than 5,300 people have been killed since fighting in eastern Ukraine began in April, according to a UN tally.

Obama gave no indication of how quickly he would make a decision on increasing military assistance to Ukraine.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Harper

Merkel stops in Ottawa

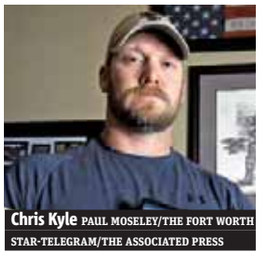
German Chancellor Angela Merkel met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper for 45 minutes Monday evening following a meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama earlier that day.

Merkel said she is leaving North America with the support of both the U.S. and Canada to back a peaceful, diplomatic resolution to end the ongoing hostilities in east Ukraine.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

German Chancellor Angela Merkel listens as U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during their joint news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington on Monday. EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jury selection begins in 'American Sniper' trial



Chris Kyle PAUL MOSELEY/THE FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jury selection began Monday in the trial of the man accused of fatally shooting a former Navy SEAL depicted in the Oscar-nominated film American Sniper.

More than a dozen people were dismissed Monday morning in Stephenville, Texas, where former Marine Eddie Ray Routh is charged with capital murder in the deaths of 38-year-old Chris Kyle and Kyle's friend, 35-year-old Chad Littlefield.

A challenge facing authorities is ensuring a fair trial just as the movie based on Kyle's memoir continues to make millions at the box office.

The county's top prosecutor told prospective jurors Monday that he knew many of them will have seen the movie, which depicts Kyle's stories of serving four tours in Iraq.

"It's hard not to have knowledge of this case," Erath County district attorney Alan Nash said. "It's pervasive."

Seeing the movie or reading Kyle's book won't be disqualifying on its own, according to both Nash and State District Judge Jason Cashon, who will oversee the trial.

Nash asked potential jurors if they were unable to set aside what they'd already heard about the case. No one among about 130 potential jurors in court raised their hand.

Instead of a typical Erath County jury pool of 175, about 800 jury summons were sent out, district clerk Wanda Pringle has said. About 260 potential jurors reported to the courthouse Monday.

Routh's attorneys plan to pursue an insanity defence stemming from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Prosecutors have said they won't seek the death penalty for Routh, who faces life in prison without parole.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Become a Computer Aided Drafter (CAD) in less than 6 Months

- We offer Alberta Government approved programs, that lead to a rewarding career
- High employment rate
- Placement services available

ABM COLLEGE

1-877-490-4603 | 3880 - 29 Street NE, Calgary www.abmcollege.com

EDUCATION THAT GETS YOU HIRED!

FEBRUARY CUSTOMER APPRECIATION MONTH

Breakfast from $6.95

Lunch Dinner & More! from $9.95

Black Cat Lounge & Grill

Monday - Friday 6:30AM - 11PM

Select Menu - Reservation Recommended

403.233.7654

#150 635 6th AVE SW

INFO @ www.BLACKCATLOUNGE.ca

HAPPY HOUR - CATERING AVAILABLE

Australia. Surfer dies after shark attack

A Japanese national was killed Monday after a shark tore off his legs while he was surfing off Australia's east coast, officials said.

The 41-year-old man was sitting on his board waiting for a wave when the shark came up behind him and grabbed the back of the board and the man's legs in its mouth, said David Wright, mayor of the New South Wales town of Ballina, where the attack occurred.

The man's friends, who had been surfing alongside him, rushed him to shore, where they tried to stop the bleeding with tourniquets and performed CPR.

"But because both legs were gone, he bled to death very quickly," Wright said.

Shelly Beach, the site of the attack, was closed, along with a larger stretch of coastline as officials searched for the shark.

Ballina is just 20 kilometres south of Seven Mile Beach, where surfer Jabez Reitman, 35, was attacked on Sunday.

Reitman was surfing off Seven Mile Beach, near the tourist town of Byron Bay, when he was bitten by what he described as a two- to three-metre shark. While sharks are common on the country's beaches, fatal attacks are rare in recent decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China

Exonerated man's parents watch killer's conviction

The parents of a man executed for murder and rape and then posthumously exonerated 18 years later watched Monday as a court in northern China convicted and sentenced another man for those crimes, according to state media. The Hohhot Intermediate People's Court in Inner Mongolia said in a statement it had convicted serial killer and rapist Zhao Zhihong of murder and rape and sentenced him to death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Top U.S. court refuses block of Ala. same-sex marriages

Shawn Williams and Justin Lewis kiss after being married by Angela Farmer in front of the Lee County Courthouse in Opelika, Ala., on Monday, despite state Chief Justice Roy Moore's last-minute bid to block same-sex marriages in Alabama. TODD J. VAN EMST/OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LGBTQ rights. State's order comes as the Supreme Court prepares to make a countrywide decision by late June

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to block same-sex marriages in Alabama on Monday, an order one dissenting justice said is a signal his colleagues have decided gay and lesbian couples have a right to marry in the U.S.

Alabama, one of the country's most conservative states, began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples promptly after the Supreme Court let a hold that a federal judge had placed on gay marriages expire.

The Alabama order comes as the Supreme Court heads toward a potentially historic, countrywide ruling on the divisive social issue. Last month, the high court announced it would hear arguments on whether gay couples have a right to marry in the United States. A decision is expected by late June.

In a dissenting opinion, conservative Justice Clarence Thomas criticized his colleagues for refusing to block same-sex marriages in Alabama until the high court resolves the issue nationally.

Thomas said the court's Alabama order is a signal that the justices already have decided they will declare that same-sex couples have a right to marry under the Constitution.

Alabama became the 37th U.S. state where gays can legally wed. Same-sex matrimony is now banned in only 13 of the 50 states.

The state's Chief Justice Roy Moore had made an 11th-hour attempt to block the weddings, ordering all probate judges to refuse to issue licenses.

Local media reports showed that at least 11 of Alabama's 67 counties refused to issue marriage licenses Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Micro condos to face first test, experts say

Investment units. Sales of 3,000 shoebox apartments in Toronto nearing completion could spur developers to build more to satisfy demand from investors

Rendering of a micro loft in Vancouver. Reliance Properties restored the former single occupancy hotel into rental units with an average size of 265 square feet. COURTESY RELIANCE PROPERTIES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The appeal of so-called shoebox condos — no larger than the size of two average living rooms — will face its first real test in Canada this year, with an influx of the compact homes set to hit the country's largest real-estate market.

Investors are betting on big returns from young renters who can't afford to buy in the red-hot real-estate market and don't mind living in a unit about 500 square feet, where their dining table might have to fold down into a bed.

Although developers are pitching micro condos as an affordable entry point into the market, brokers say it's mostly investors — catering to a demographic of young professionals increasingly flocking to the downtown core — that's driving demand.

Micro suites tend to fetch higher rents per square foot than larger units, as many renters are willing to live in a slightly smaller space in order to save a bit on costs and live closer to the city core.

Shaun Hildebrand, vice-president of condo research firm Urbanation, says condos under 500 square feet can bring in well over $3 per square foot, while the rest of the market averages around $2.50 or $2.60.

There are nearly 3,000 micro condo units under construction in Toronto that are slated to be completed this year, Hildebrand says. If investors snatch them up, that could spur developers to build more of the micro units to satisfy demand from investors.

The challenge comes in securing a mortgage for the micro units. Brokers say Canada's five biggest banks are hesitant to provide financing for units below a certain minimum square footage, concerned that investors will sell off the properties if the housing market starts to slide.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toys for boys plays well for Hasbro

The appetite for superheroes and robots in disguise, such as Transformers, led to a healthy fourth quarter at Hasbro, even as a shift toward electronics has challenged the traditional toy industry. Hasbro said Monday that sales of toys geared toward boys increased 21 per cent while sales of toys for girls fell 10 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Online entertainment

Netflix launches service in Cuba

Netflix is launching its movie and TV show streaming service in Cuba as credit and debit cards become more widely available. Only 27 per cent of Cuba's population has access to the Internet, but Netflix is banking on more people getting Internet access as the U.S. eases sanctions against Cuba. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

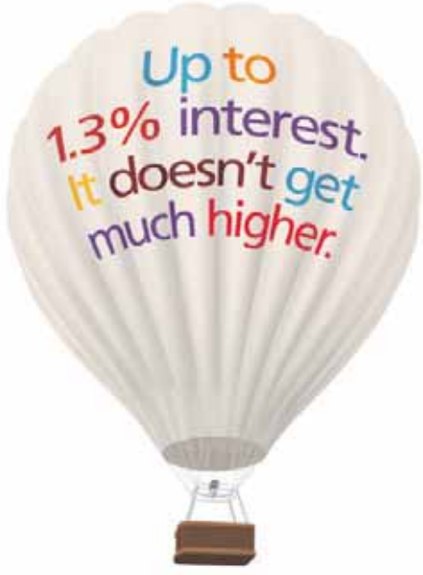
DOLLAR 80.22¢ (+0.37¢)

TSX 15,100.70 (+16.78)

OIL $52.86 US (+$1.17)

GOLD $1,241.50 US (+$6.90)

Natural gas: $2.597 (+1.8¢)
Dow Jones: 17,729.21 (-95.08)



Introducing the Scotiabank® Savings Accelerator Account.

Make the most of your savings **every day** with up to 1.3%[1] interest, the highest rate among the big 5 banks.[2] Available for registered or non-registered accounts.[3] Ask us about it today. Visit a branch, call 1-800-268-9269 or go online.

www.scotiabank.com/savehigh

You're richer than you think.®

Scotiabank®

® Registered trademarks of The Bank of Nova Scotia. [1]Interest rate tiers are 1.3% for balances of $25,000 and over; 1.15% for balances below $25,000 and at least $5,000, and 0.1% for balances under $5,000. Interest is accrued daily and paid monthly. All interest rates are regular posted rates and are not promotional rates. Scotiabank reserves the right to change interest rates at any time. [2]The "big 5 banks" refers to the 5 largest banks in Canada by asset size as at July 31, 2014. Interest rate comparison is based on regular posted rates on retail high interest savings accounts, as publically advertised and as at January 5, 2015. Interest rate comparison excludes any high interest savings account offers considered 'premium' or 'VIP', business or commercial savings accounts, and special, discretionary and 'limited time' offers by other financial institutions. [3]The Scotiabank Savings Accelerator Account may be opened within the following registered investment accounts - TFSA, RSP, RESP, RRIF and RDSP.

HSBC's Swiss branch helped rich dodge taxes: Documents

HSBC's Swiss private bank hid millions of dollars for drug traffickers, arms dealers and celebrities around the world as it colluded to help them dodge taxes, according to a report based on leaked documents that lifts the veil on the country's banking secrecy.

The report, published Monday, suggests the bank, which is based in London but has operations globally, not only turned a blind eye to the illegal activities of its clients but actively helped them avoid taxes.

A former HSBC employee-turned-whistleblower, Herve Falciani, gave the data to French tax authorities in 2008. The French newspaper Le Monde obtained a version of the data and shared the material with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

The leaked documents, which mainly cover the years 2005 to 2007, relate to accounts worth $100 billion US held by more than 100,000 people and legal entities from 200 countries.

HSBC stressed that the documents were from eight years ago and said it has since implemented initiatives designed to prevent its banking services from being used to evade taxes or launder money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Become a **Health Care Aide** in less than **5 Months**

Dennis Falconer

"I am a recent graduate from ABM College completing the Health Care Aide program. Very good College, helpful staff and excellent caring teachers. I am very excited because as soon as I finished my practicum I found a job at AHS."

ABM COLLEGE

1-877-490-4603 | 3880 - 29 Street NE, Calgary
www.abmcollege.com

EDUCATION THAT GETS YOU HIRED!

VOICES

THE WALKING LOTTERY

Calgary Board of Education giving priority based on designated walk zones is in the best interest — to get kids more active

KIMBERLY JONES
calgary@metronews.ca

Are walk zone rules (and subsequent lotteries) preventing more of our children from walking to school? METRO FILE

Last week we learned that kids in Calgary are now walking less than people in their 50s and that some kids within walking distance of CBE schools may be bussed to schools farther away. These two stories are linked.

Decisions being made by the school board are contributing to a record-level of inactivity in our children, something that needs to be addressed.

Most adults today will tell you that they walked to school when they were kids. Not only was is it a great way to develop independence, it is also more healthy, and can help to get young people into the habit of walking. When people grow up being driven everywhere, they are less likely to choose walking later in life.

There is also a cognitive benefit to walking to school. A recent Danish study showed physical activity in the morning has a real impact on the ability to concentrate at school.

It's no secret that schools in this city are over-capacity, and because of this, the Calgary Board of Education will be implementing a lottery at many schools this year. First priority is given to students within the designated walk zone who have a sibling in the school; second priority is given both to students within the walk zone without a sibling in the school, and students outside of the walk zone with a sibling in the school. If there isn't enough space to accommodate all three of these groups, in some cases students within the walk zone may be bussed elsewhere.

This needs to be changed to encourage more kids to use their own two legs to get to school. Students within the walk zone should be given guaranteed admission into the school whether they have a sibling in the school or not.

Unfortunately, this would mean in some cases siblings will be separated, moving to different schools. This could add a level of complexity for some parents. However, for the good of the wider community, this solution makes the most sense. If siblings are given priority over those that live in the walk zone, we'll be adding extra bus trips into the system and removing the choice of some to walk to school.

Initiatives to encourage kids walking to school (like the mayor's Walk Challenge) are a good idea, but unless we allow students who live within walking distance to actually walk, it's difficult to make real inroads.

In addition to the individual health and cognitive benefits to children and the environmental impact of cutting down on vehicle trips, this change to the lottery system will be fairer to those who chose to move closer to schools. Families have many reasons for choosing where to live, and those that chose to live where their kids can walk to school should have that choice respected.

Ultimately we need more schools, but until that time, we have to do the best we can with what we have — especially in the interest of getting more kids to walk.

Kimberly Jones has lived in Calgary for 35 years. She is a transportation advocate, particularly interested in walking and public transit, and studies urban issues and planning.

DO YOU HAVE A COLUMN IDEA?
Shoot us an email:
readers@metronews.ca

Doctor-assisted suicide

With the Supreme Court striking down Canada's ban on doctor-assisted suicide, the country has one year to write a new law. Two affected parties share their take:

THOSE SUFFERING GIVEN A CHOICE

WANDA MORRIS
readers@metronews.ca

Every year, thousands of Canadians die under horrific circumstances, suffering prolonged pain and anguish until the very end.

Improved palliative care would help many. But for others, the relief they seek is only possible with physician-assisted dying (defined as prescribing or administering medication with the intention of ending a patient's life).

We hear too many stories about those who end their lives violently or prematurely because they can't count on assistance when they need it or who live through to the end and experience great pain as a result.

Friday's decision makes us hopeful that tragedies like these will soon become a thing of the past.

One of our supporters had terminal cancer and spoke about how she envied her cat, Sparky. She knew that if Sparky was experiencing great suffering, a vet would help Sparky die in her arms. All she wanted was to have the same choice for herself.

Friday's judgment came too late for her. But others will soon have that choice.

The court has given policy-makers a year to put new rules in place. Soon, there will be an alternative for individuals facing chronic, intolerable suffering at end of life.

At DWD Canada, we've always believed the evidence from other countries that shows we can provide choice to the dying and protect our weakest and most vulnerable citizens. The Supreme Court has given Canadians choice; now, we must stand guard to make sure necessary safeguards are put in place.

Life is precious, and very few of us would want to shorten our lives by even a single day.

But now, Canadians have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that if the worst comes to the worst, they'll have a last possible alternative.

Wanda Morris is the CEO of Dying With Dignity Canada.

DECISION AS IT STANDS IS DANGEROUS

DEAN RICHERT
readers@metronews.ca

On Friday, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the law prohibiting physician-assisted suicide.

The decision as it stands creates the potential for the most permissive and least restrictive criteria for assisted suicide in the world, putting persons with disabilities at serious risk.

It is extremely troubling for people with disabilities and their communities to see the court's inclusion of "disability" as a possible "grievous and irremediable medical condition."

The court left it open as to which types of disability are included and which are excluded. Who is to decide what disability is a grievous and irremediable medical condition?

Note that the Court did not say that asking a doctor to help you die is restricted to someone diagnosed with a terminal illness who will die within six months, as is required in the states of Washington and Oregon. Instead, it allows assisted suicide on the basis of physical or psychological suffering. This places people with serious mental-health issues at risk, as well as people who have not yet come to grips with their disability.

Further, the ruling does not adequately address the issue of coercion.

Will a person's wish to die be manipulated in any way? What is the process for discovering such coercion? Seeking consent to help someone commit suicide is complex and fraught with uncertainty.

The Council of Canadians with Disabilities is calling on Parliament to place crucial safeguards on the Court's judgment to limit access to assisted suicide. People with disabilities and their organizations must be included in this process precisely because the impact of this ruling can lead perilously close to a "better to be dead than a burden" mentality.

Dean Richert is chair of the Ending of Life Ethics Committee for the Council of Canadians with Disabilities.

metro

Star Media Group President John Cruickshank • **Vice-President & Group Publisher, Metro Western Canada** Steve Shrout • **Vice-President & Editor-in-Chief, Metro English Canada** Cathrin Bradbury • **National Deputy Editor** Fernando Carneiro • **National Deputy Editor, Digital** Quin Parker • **Managing Editor, Calgary** Darren Krause • **Managing Editor, Features** Amber Shortt • **Managing Editor, Canada, World, Business** Matt LaForge • **Managing Editor, Life & Entertainment** Dean Lisk • **Distribution Manager** David Mak • **Vice President, Content & Sales Solutions** Tracy Day • **Vice-President, Sales** Carolyn Sadler • **Vice-President, Finance** Phil Jameson • **METRO CALGARY** Unit 120, 3030 - 3 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6T7 • **Telephone:** 403-444-0136 • **Fax:** 403-539-4940 • **Advertising:** 403-444-0136 • adinfocalgary@metronews.ca • **Distribution:** calgary_distribution@metronews.ca • **News tips:** calgary@metronews.ca • **Letters to the Editor:** calgaryletters@metronews.ca

Gossip

NED EHRBAR

METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Amber Heard and Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

One wedding isn't enough for Johnny Depp and Amber Heard

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard are, like, extra married now.

After blindsiding gossipmongers last week with a surprise knot-tying in L.A., the happy couple headed down to the Bahamas as planned for a lavish, intimate ceremony on Depp's own island, Little Hall's Pond Cay.

Photos of the island over the weekend showed a lovely canopy set up on one of the island's several beaches, along with 24 chairs.

"Amber did her own hair and makeup, and Johnny was as laid-back as usual. But there has been a genuine glow about them since Wednesday, when they officially became man and wife," a source tells the Sunday Express.

"They wanted to do it all again on the beach and … (celebrate) with friends, because they love the island and want it to be a continuing part of their lives together."

It's unclear which beach the ceremony took place at, but one of them is named after Depp's ex-partner, Vanessa Paradis.

Going to go out on a limb and guess it wasn't that one.

Soup for you, Jennifer Lawrence

Jennifer Lawrence is now getting unsolicited help in her campaign to be the most down-to-earth star on the planet. While celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck was giving a preview of his annual post-Oscars Governors Ball menu, he couldn't help offering up a side of charming J.Law anecdote. "She didn't know who I was," Puck remembers of the 2013 gala, after Lawrence won her Best Actress trophy. "Her publicist said, 'That's Wolfgang Puck.' She says, 'Oh my God, I eat his canned soup all the time!' I thought that was very funny." And charming!

Jennifer Lawrence

Everything isn't awesome for the Lego Movie directors, who were passed over for an Oscar nomination. CONTRIBUTED

Lego Movie directors are still mad at Academy

Crowd-pleaser The Lego Movie took home a BAFTA this weekend for Best Animated Film, but that apparently doesn't quite wash away the slight of being passed over for an Oscar nomination. While accepting their award in London, co-directors Phil Lord and Chris Miller didn't let the opportunity pass to make a dig at the Hollywood elite who left them out of the big show. "You are our favourite Academy by far," Lord said from the BAFTA stage. "You guys win the award for best Academy. This is the end of the awards road for us, so we can say whatever we want. There's no one left to impress."

ALBERTA INNOVATES — HEALTH SOLUTIONS PRESENTS:

Science IN THE Cinema

ASK A HEALTH RESEARCHER: IS IT SCIENCE OR FICTION?

Monday, February 16, 2015 1 PM Matinee PG

Two mutants come to a private academy to learn how to be super heros.

Speaker: Danielle Lynch, PhD Candidate, in Molecular & Medical Genetics, University of Calgary.

Alberta Innovates Health Solutions

FREE admission & popcorn

the Globe Cinema

617 – 8 Avenue S.W. Calgary

aihealthsolutions.ca/sitc/

Like us on Facebook: Science in the Cinema

Pulling the plug on time-thieving tech

Trend. More and more people are choosing to take a step back from the virtual world and reconnect with real life

Patton Oswalt took a summer-long hiatus from social media last year.
GETTY IMAGES

With virtually everyone spending increasingly more time plugged in to the Internet, some are considering a digital detox, an extended time out from the online world.

Prolific political writer Andrew Sullivan recently announced plans for a break from blogging after 15 years of pounding the keyboard. In a note to readers on his website, The Dish, Sullivan wrote of being "saturated in digital life" and wanting to "return to the actual world again."

Last May, actor and comedian Patton Oswalt also posted a lengthy note on Facebook announcing a summer hiatus from social media. "If I don't, I feel like my psyche is going to suffer permanent slippage," he wrote.

Michael Harris documented a month spent without his phone or Internet access in his book The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We've Lost in a World of Constant Connection (HarperCollins).

The Vancouver native said he came away from his digital detox feeling the need to be less passive with his tech use. "These technologies are very ruthlessly designed to capitalize on really basic animal instincts to grab your attention," he said. "In the same way that you can't just walk into the grocery store and buy whatever food that (your) desire for sugar and fat is telling you to buy, we have to engineer our media diet for ourselves."

While some may feel the need for an extended "digital fast," Harris said another approach is to make manageable adjustments in your daily life.

"Something like 50 per cent of us sleep with our smartphones on bedside tables. And when we wake up, the first thing that we think is: 'What did I miss?' instead of thinking: 'What will I do with my day?'" Harris said.

"Take that 30 or 40 minutes to say: 'I'm not going to let my Twitter feed colonize my brain right away. I'm going to have a shower, I'm going to make a cup of coffee.'"

THE CANADIAN PRESS

A 'surreal' time-travelling Zelda game, a tool to make your selfies more artsy, and a book that tells of life at Guantanamo

MIND THE APP
Kris Abel
@RealKrisAbel
scene@metronews.ca

Video game

Name. The Legend of Zelda: Majora's Mask

For. Nintendo 3DS

Rated. Everyone 10+

By far the most surreal of the Zelda games, Majora's Mask is a wonderland of nonsensical carnival characters that will play with your perceptions through a three-day time loop. Link is at his youngest, using fantasy masks to change into imaginative forms with different abilities and a musical ocarina to repeat events. But the lack of maps at the beginning and the need to keep track of time travel can make it a disorienting handheld game to play on-the-go.

App

Reflections X Ray-Ban

iPhone/iPad
Free

By using both your front and back smartphone cameras, Reflections will blend pictures taken between them both for an artistic selfie you can then further stylize using filters and effects.

Ebooks

Guantanamo Diary

By. Mohamedou Ould Slahi

Kindle/iBooks/Kobo

A former member of Al Qaeda who maintained dangerous friendships, it's easy to see why Mohamedou was picked up by U.S. intelligence 12 years ago. But navigate through the scanned pages and heavily redacted text of his prison diary and it's less clear why he's still at Guantanamo Bay today. This is a tale told with surprising sensitivity and intelligence.

The first artist to use the new YouTube feature is Madilyn Bailey.
YOUTUBE/AFP FILE PHOTO

Video. YouTube testing new multi-angle feature

YouTube is getting ready to roll out a new feature that will let users switch between different camera angles on selected clips. The new feature doesn't have a name yet, but is rolling out to artists this week and will let them upload the same footage shot from a number of angles plus an audio track. YouTube will then magically stitch everything together so that when one of the site's one-billion-plus users launches a video, they can play at being the director, changing the angle at will. AFP

Because your sister-in-law isn't the kitchen designer she thinks she is.

For a better experience, put the pros in your corner.

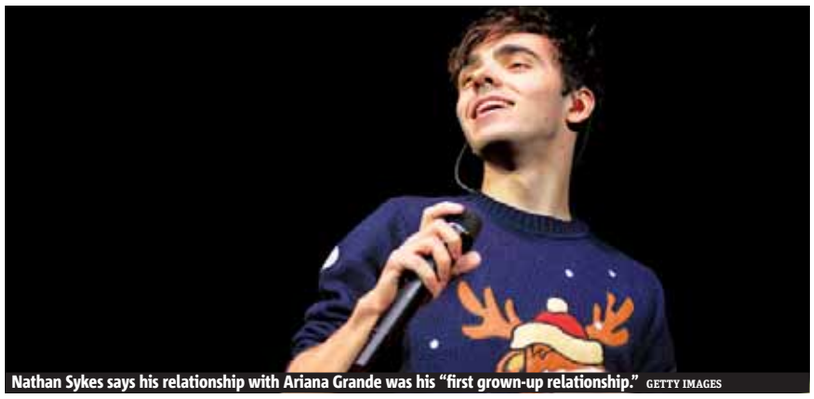
CALL FOR A FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATION | 403.258.1511

CARDEL RENOS

KITCHENS • BASEMENTS • BATHROOMS • FULL ADDITIONS • WHOLE HOME RENOVATIONS

Built for real life.
CARDELHOMES.COM

CARDEL HOMES



Nathan Sykes says his relationship with Ariana Grande was his "first grown-up relationship." GETTY IMAGES

Nathan Sykes uses Grande heartbreak to make music

Interview. Former member of The Wanted opens up about his breakup with singer Ariana Grande

Ariana Grande may be happily in love with Big Sean, but before things heated up with her Right There collaborator, she dated The Wanted (remember them?) band member Nathan Sykes. Now that The Wanted are broken up, Sykes has been in the studio recording some solo songs, and one in particular is about his famous ex.

"The most emotional song is about me telling myself not to be angry about the breakup because sometimes things just don't work out," he tells The Sun. And he didn't hold back revealing more details about their breakup to the paper: "The time we broke up was really tough. The Wanted decided to take a break and I lost my granddad. I was not in the best place. She was my first grown-up relationship. But sometimes you have to go into a place like that to be able to find the best music out of it."

EMILY LAURENCE/METRO IN NEW YORK

Music business

Where to flow those streams of gold?

SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross
scene@metronews.ca

Artists should be looking to their record labels before complaining about streaming money. ISTOCK

It's not quite the garbage anti-vaccine whackos are spreading, but much of what's being reported on the payouts made by streaming music services — Spotify, Rdio, Deezer, YouTube and so on — is pretty ridiculous.

You've probably heard stories about artists who receive royalty cheque pittances despite having their songs streamed hundreds of thousands if not millions of times. It seems obscenely unfair. But wait.

First, music streams cannot be equated with music sales. Streams are occasions of individual listens. Artists are paid according to the exact number of people who listen to a given song whenever an individual selects it to be played. That payment is fraction of a cent — but it's still something for each and every play a song gets. Compare this to listening to a song on the radio. Radio stations pay a series of fees for the privilege of playing music as part of their business. Those fees are based on a percentage of the pre-tax gross ad revenue of the station. The more the station makes, the more it pays out to artists and composers. Hundreds of thousands of people may hear a song when it's played on the air one time. And guess what each play is worth? A fraction of a cent.

So if you're going to compare streaming payments to anything, it should be to what artists get for radio airplay, *not* revenues from sales.

Next, consider how streaming fees are set. Record labels, music publishers and music collectives — the people expected to have the artists' interests front-and-centre — negotiate with streaming services over rates. From there, it goes to the Copyright Board for a definitive ruling. Streaming services aren't just being arbitrarily stingy; they're told what to pay.

Finally, let's look at how these payments are divided up. A recent audit of Deezer in France looked at where the company's payments go. Post-tax, out of each 10-euro monthly subscription rate, 11 per cent goes to the artists, 16 per cent to the writers/publishers and 73 per cent to the major labels. Huh.

It's not clear if similar splits exist in other territories because the payout process is opaque. But if it is, then artists' beefs over streaming payouts are not with Spotify, Rdio, et al. It's with the labels and people who are supposed to be looking out for them.

You could WIN screening passes to McFARLAND and a GoodLife FITNESS membership

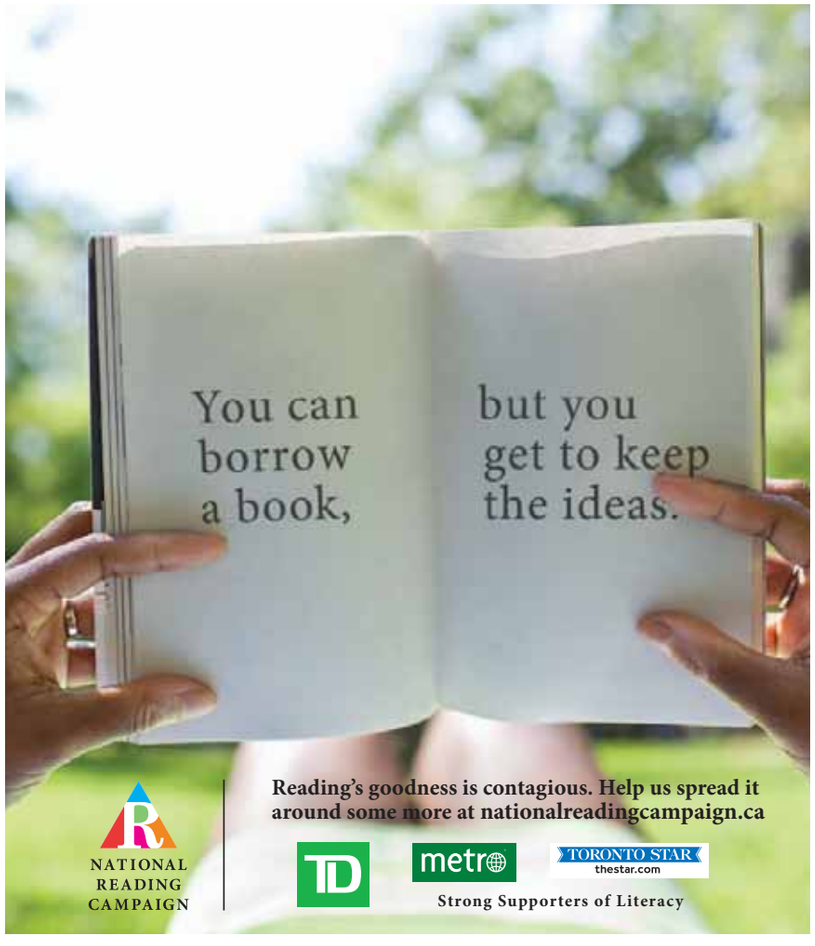
Twenty passes to be won for the advance screening on February 18, PLUS one Club Metro member will win a One year membership prize from GoodLife Fitness.

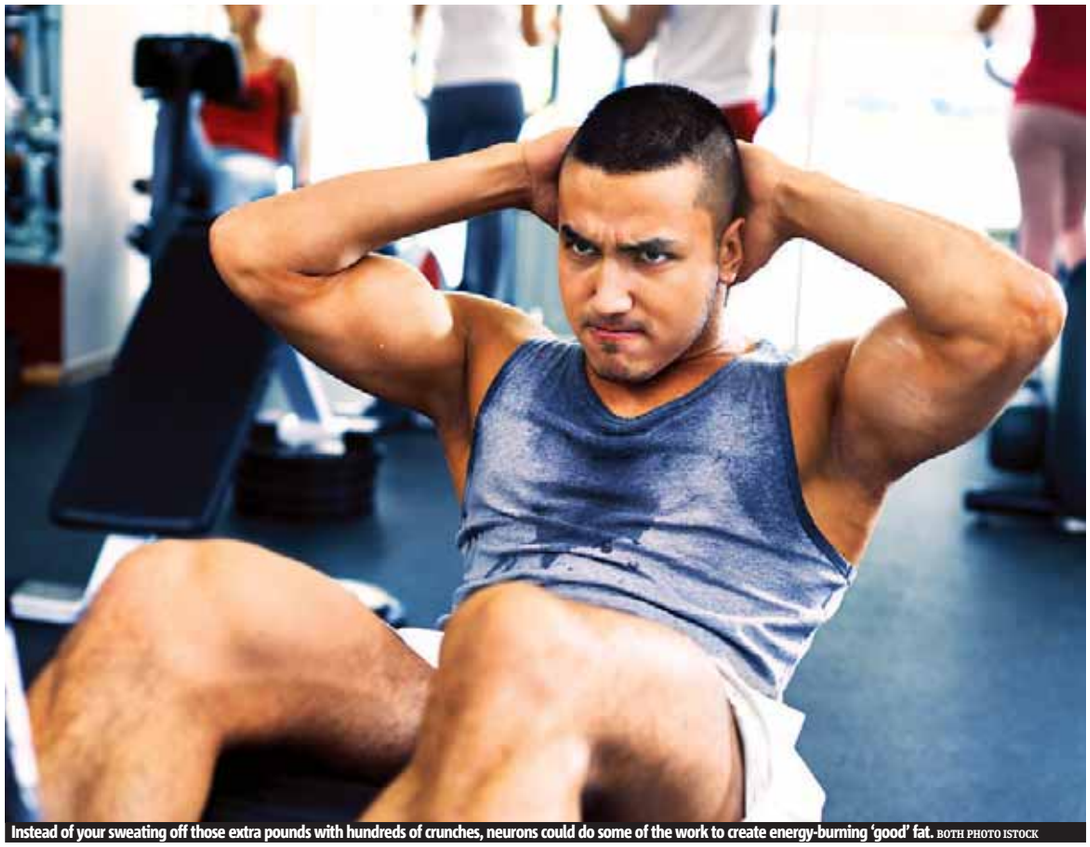
VISIT clubmetro.com TO ENTER

In Theatres February 20

©2015 DISNEY

No purchase necessary. Terms & conditions apply. For full contest details and conditions, visit clubmetro.com Contest closes Feb 12 at 11:59pm. Value of grand prize is $1025. Value of each secondary prize is $25.


You can borrow a book,
but you get to keep the ideas.
NATIONAL READING CAMPAIGN
Reading's goodness is contagious. Help us spread it around some more at nationalreadingcampaign.ca
TD
metro
TORONTO STAR thestar.com
Strong Supporters of Literacy



Instead of your sweating off those extra pounds with hundreds of crunches, neurons could do some of the work to create energy-burning 'good' fat. BOTH PHOTO ISTOCK

Burn starts in brain

Weight loss. Brains rather than brawn could hold the key to staying thin, research shows

The brain could be a powerful fat-burning tool, say scientists at Monash University in Melbourne who discovered that two naturally occurring hormones interact to convert energy-storing white fat into energy-burning, "good" brown fat.

"Turning white fat into brown fat is a very exciting new approach to developing weight-loss agents," says lead author Professor Tony Tiganis from the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. "Eventually, we think we may be able to help people lose weight by targeting these two enzymes."

One of the enzymes, leptin, is an appetite suppressant that's generated in fat cells and the other is insulin, which comes from the pancreas when levels of glucose in the blood start to rise.

Professor Tiganis' research shows that the two hormones act together and persuade a group of neurons — called proopiomelanocortin (POMC) neurons — in the brain to convert the fat from white to brown, thereby igniting the fat-burning process.

"These hormones give the brain a comprehensive picture of the fatness of the body," says Professor Tiganis. "Because leptin is produced by fat cells, it measures the level of existing fat reserves — the more fat, the more leptin. Whereas insulin provides a measure of future fat reserves because glucose levels rise when we eat."

If all this has you wondering why you can't just think your way skinny, chances are enzymes called phosphatases that inhibit the actions of leptin and insulin could be working against you.

Professor Tiganis' team found that when phosphatases were reduced, more brown fat was created and more fat was burned.

Don't give up your diet or relinquish your gym membership just yet: Professor Tiganis says any potential therapy based on his team's research is still a long way off.

Brown fat cells, also called adipocytes, occur most densely around the neck and shoulders, according to the researchers, whose study was published in the journal Cell.

That white adipocytes can be converted to brown has been suggested by several studies revealing a variety of methods to do so.

For example, a study at Maastricht University Medical Centre in the Netherlands says it's possible to create brown fat by keeping your surroundings cool, while another published in the journal Cell Press indicates that Mirabegron, a drug normally used to treat an overactive bladder, could also do the job. AFP

Tips

Save on gym memberships

Max out trials
Finding the right gym fit is key. A great way to check out classes, instructors or an overall environment is to take advantage of freebies. Money-saving expert Andrea Woroch in Bakersfield, Calif., said many gyms offer up to a full week free. Salespeople may try to entice during trial periods with limited-time discounts, but don't bite if it doesn't feel right. Move on to another gym until you find the right one. "You want to test out the equipment, go at the time that you typically think will fit into your schedule, whether it's after work, at lunch. See what the crowds are like," she said.

Try haggling
Think of signing up for a gym membership the same way you would buy a car, Woroch said. Salespeople have quotas and that puts you in the driver's seat. Perhaps you can score a lower monthly rate or have the initiation fee waived. Ask for the first month free, more guest passes, extra personal training sessions or complementary child care. "There's always wiggle room," she said.

Coupons, warehouse clubs and daily deals
Look around. Sites like Groupon and LivingSocial often offer deep discounts of up to 70 per cent on local gym memberships and personal training.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's not you, it's your debt.
We can help you find the right solution to successfully
reduce, consolidate and eliminate your debt!
We offer FREE consultations, debt and credit counselling.
Call: 403 310 8888
Web: www.gt.alger.ca
Text: 403 482 9000
CONSUMER CHOICE AWARD 2014
Grant Thornton
Proposal Administrator | Trustee in Bankruptcy

Theresa's tips

Preparing a delicious new savoury starch

NUTRI-BITES
Theresa Albert
DHN, RNCP
myfriendinfood.com

Move over potatoes, bananas are the new side dish. On a recent trip to the Dominican Republic, I tried a Caribbean specialty of boiled banana and onions. Turns out that green bananas are used as a savoury starch and they are quite delicious. Green bananas:

• Contain more resistant starch than yellow, which means that they are slower to digest and won't cause a blood sugar spike.

• Are lower in simple sugar than yellow bananas.

• Are a resistant starch that makes you feel fuller over the day.

• Feed the probiotics (good bacteria) in your gut.

• Contain all of the nutrients of yellow banana especially potassium, magnesium, B6 and vitamin C.

Some markets sell green bananas specifically for boiling as a vegetable, but you can use regular bananas if you buy them before they ripen and cook them. The process couldn't be simpler:

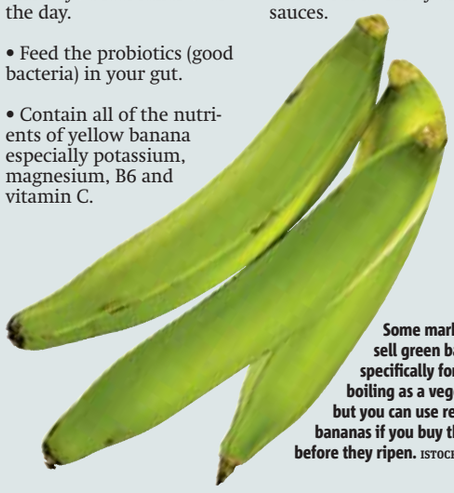
• Green bananas can be hard to peel, but you don't want to simmer them with the peel on just in case there are pesticides or herbicides.

• Lop off the top and bottom and score the skin, then peel in pieces rather than whole.

• Bring a pot of water to boil with sliced onions, salt, and just enough water to cover the bananas.

• Immerse bananas, cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes just until you can poke them with a fork easily.

Crank up the heat in the house, turn on some steel drum music and set the table with a variety of hot sauces.



Some markets sell green bananas specifically for boiling as a vegetable, but you can use regular bananas if you buy them before they ripen. ISTOCK

Longing for a bit of sunshine? Boil up a Caribbean specialty

Dinner. Whitefish, onions, carrots and a surprising ingredient make for a fast meal

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

This cheap, fast meal has all the flavour of the Caribbean but none of the cost of the flight.

Boiled green bananas are a local specialty that replace potatoes as a side dish.

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of water to the boil with salt. Cut onions into rings and add to the water, cover and simmer while you peel the bananas and carrots. (To peel green bananas, cut off both ends, score the length of the skin and remove in pieces.) Slice carrots into thick rounds and bananas into 3-4 pieces. Add to boiling water and cover for 20 minutes to simmer.

2. Meanwhile, heat skillet and add butter and garlic. Salt and pepper the fish and add to the pan when it is sizzling. Flip once and cook through for 6-10 minutes.

3. Drain water and serve bananas, carrots and onions with fish over top.

Ingredients

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 whole onions
- 4 small green bananas
- 4 carrots
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 4 small whitefish fillets

This recipe for Boiled Green Banana Dinner serves four. THERESA ALBERT

THERESA ALBERT IS A FOOD COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST AND TORONTO PERSONAL NUTRITIONIST. SHE IS @THERESAALBERT ON TWITTER AND FOUND DAILY AT WWW.MYFRIENDINFOOD.COM

Red beans and rice are a healthy, budget-friendly choice

This recipe serves eight. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Directions

1. In a large, heavy saucepan over medium, heat the oil. Add the onion, celery, red pepper and ham and sauté until vegetables are tender and meat starts to turn golden, about 7 minutes. Add garlic, chili powder, cumin and thyme, then cook for 2 minutes.

2. Increase heat to medium-high, then add the wine and stir to deglaze the pan. Stir until the wine bubbles and mostly evaporates, about 1 minute. Add the chicken broth and kidney beans, bring to a simmer, then lower the heat, cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan over medium-high, bring the water to a simmer. Add the rice and a pinch of salt, then cover and reduce heat to maintain a simmer. Cook for 15 minutes, or until the water is absorbed and the rice is fluffy.

4. Once the beans are done, stir in 2 teaspoons of vinegar. Taste and season with salt, pepper and more vinegar, if needed. Spoon the rice into serving bowls, then top with the beans and fresh cilantro or parsley.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FOOD NETWORK STAR MELISSA D'ARABIAN, WHO IS AUTHOR OF THE COOKBOOK, SUPERMARKET HEALTHY

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 yellow onion, finely chopped
- 1 large celery stalk, chopped
- 1 small red pepper, cored and chopped
- 6 ounces cooked ham, cubed (about 1 cup)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- Two 15-ounce cans red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 cups water
- 2 cups long-grain white rice
- Kosher salt
- 2 to 3 teaspoons cider vinegar or white vinegar
- Ground black pepper
- Fresh cilantro or parsley, chopped, to garnish

LEARNING CURVE

Study in the great outdoors

With the Haskayne School of Business

SHUTTERSTOCK

When it comes to learning about leadership, the Haskayne School of Business offers students a spectacular classroom in which to learn.

Based in the Rocky Mountains, the rediscovering leadership: The Haskayne wilderness retreat is a one-week intensive MBA course that combines experiential outdoor activities and personal growth challenges, with cross-cultural First Nations' teachings and ceremonies to deliver core leadership skills for social responsibility and sustainable development.

"By helping students develop a greater connection with ecosystems and respect for cultures that depend upon them, we foster more socially and environmentally responsible leaders," says Dr. David Lertzman, assistant professor faculty — business environment, International Resource Industries and Sustainability Centre (IRIS).

Business and the great outdoors may seem like unrelated topics, but Lertzman believes that the experiences and lessons learned during the retreat apply directly to socially and environmentally responsible leadership.

"At the wilderness retreat business students have an opportunity for strategic reflection to get a sense of our place on the planet, see themselves in the bigger picture, clarify their core values and the kind of leader they want to be," Lertzman says. "And what better place to see the big picture than on a mountain top."

The Haskayne MBA is rich with unique and enhanced learning experiences focused on leadership development through experiential learning, which is just one of the many ways Haskayne helps students to think outside of the box — or classroom.

"Great leaders are authentic individuals of exceptional vision, integrity, and creativity who inspire others to achieve their best in service to the greater good," Lertzman says. "If we had a corporate slogan for the wilderness retreat, it would be self-development in service to the greater good."

For more information about this unique learning experience or the Haskayne School of Business, visit haskaynemba.ca.

It's Time to Check Out Robertson College.

Programs in Health Care and Business that will prepare you for your new career in 1 year or less

At Robertson College, we offer many career-focused and Student Aid approved programs that can be completed in as few as 6 months. Find the right path for you and get started today!

Call **587.331.8233** or visit **robertsoncollege.com** for more information.

ROBERTSON COLLEGE

PLENTY OF PROGRAM OPTIONS

ROBERTSON COLLEGE

To stay on top of the changing economy, Robertson Calgary offers a number of programming options to help people start a new career.

"With over 700 employers currently working with our college, Robertson can introduce graduates to some of the top employers in the province," says Henry Devlin, president of Robertson College. "Our programs are built on skills currently in demand and our graduates have the ability to make a positive impact Day 1 of employment."

Henry Devlin

One such field where Robertson graduates are making a difference is in the field of health care.

For individuals looking to get into this field, Robertson has enhanced its health faculty curriculum by offering an improved medical office administration program and a provincially recognized health-care aide (HCA) program.

"Robertson College has trained nearly 3,000 HCA graduates and is considered a leader in HCA education in the province," Devlin says. "Our track record of producing quality, job-ready graduates is the main reason employers continue to call upon Robertson College when looking to hire new people."

SHUTTERSTOCK

The medical office program covers skills that can be translated into a variety of health offices. "Our instructors come from the industry and develop skills that employers are expecting of a new employee," Devlin says.

This program prepares students to become job ready in less than a year.

As part of their training, students are able to take part in practicums across the province or even across the country.

"The practicum education completes the classroom and lab exercises to give our graduates actual working hours in the industry," Devlin says. "A large number of our practicum hosts hire directly from the class."

Funding options for these programs are available for interested individuals.

For more about these programs or Robertson College, visit robertsoncollege.com.

CLASSES TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE

Robertson College education is delivered during the week and on weekends and available with day and evening schedules.

The classroom and online offerings provide students every possible option to educate themselves in a way that best suits their scheduling needs.

A world-class, industry-driven MBA program at your doorstep.

MBA Information Session
February 12, 2015
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
University of Calgary Downtown Campus
906 – 8 Avenue SW

Register at:
haskaynemba.ca

Ask us about our accelerated program option!

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

CONTRIBUTED

Be a student for the day

St. Mary's University program

Sometimes it is hard to gauge what a school is really like through online research or taking a campus tour.

Sometimes you need to sit in on a class and walk the campus like a regular student.

St. Mary's University's student-for-a-day program can give prospective students a chance to see what it is really like to be a St. Mary's student.

"Experiencing our academic community is the most important way to learn about what St. Mary's is all about," says Darcy Smereka, director of admissions and recruitment at St. Mary's University. "St. Mary's is the people who work and take classes here, so it's more than just checking out the classes and finding your way around — it's about fitting into this learning community."

Each student-for-a-day visitor will have their experience customized to give them the most accurate view of how their life at St. Mary's could be if they were a student.

Based on their interests and/or comfort level, students may request sitting in and observing only one class. Some students may request a meeting with a professor or varsity coach. Some will request a full-day experience with multiple classes, lunch with a student host, tour, meetings, etc.

"We let our visitors decide what would be best for them," Smereka says.

The student-for-a-day program is a no-pressure way to sample St. Mary's University.

"It's better to find out early if we are a great fit for you or not," Smereka says.

Smereka would like every student who applies to St. Mary's know that the school can help them be successful in their educational goals.

"We are a very small school with a small campus community so we might not be for everyone," Smereka says.

For other opportunities to see what St. Mary's has to offer, be sure to check out its next open house Feb. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To find out more about the open house or student-for-a-day program, visit stmu.ca/grow.

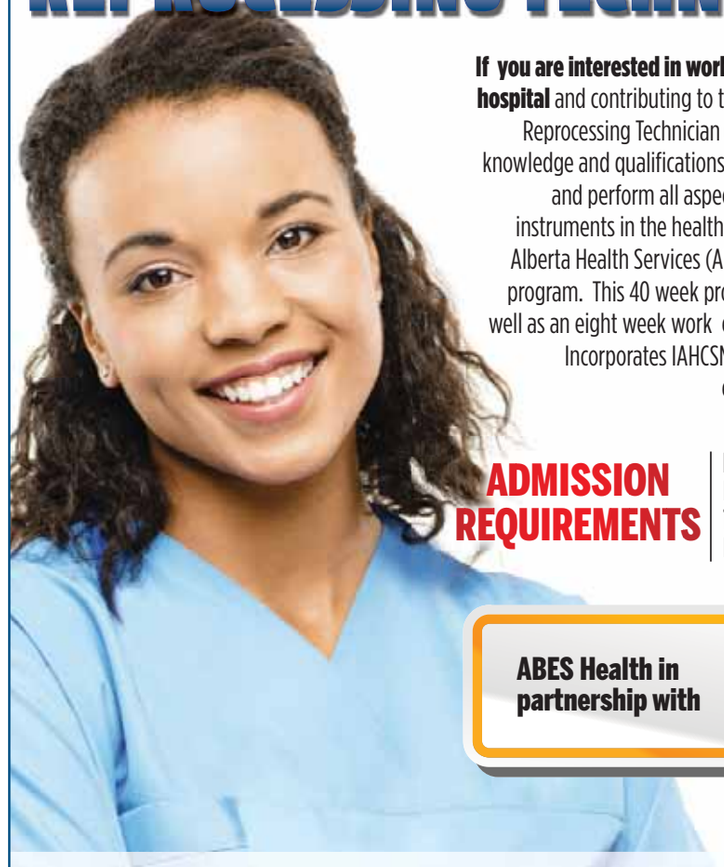
SHUTTERSTOCK

SHUTTERSTOCK

ATTENTION FOREIGN TRAINED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

A GREAT SCHOOL FOR A REWARDING CAREER!

MEDICAL DEVICE REPROCESSING TECHNICIAN



If you are interested in working with health care professionals in a hospital and contributing to the surgical team, then the Medical Device Reprocessing Technician (MDRT) Program can provide you with the knowledge and qualifications you need. The role of the MDRT is to learn and perform all aspects of sterile processing with basic surgical instruments in the health care workplace. ABES in partnership with Alberta Health Services (AHS) is pleased to offer the Enhanced MDRT program. This 40 week program includes classroom and lab work as well as an eight week work experience in a hospital. The program also Incorporates IAHCSMM certification which is a requirement for employment with Alberta Health Services.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Include 2 years Post - Secondary Education in Health Care or Life Sciences. This program is **Ideal for foreign** trained Health Care Professionals.

ABES Health in partnership with Alberta Health Services

CALL TODAY 1.888.593.7025

2910 - 3RD AVENUE N.E.
CALGARY, ALBERTA

Abes
www.abes.ca

APPLY TODAY!

WWW.ABES.CA

CONTRIBUTED

New recruits on the neighbourhood front line

Help battle addictions with Bow Valley College

The second semester has started for the current batch of recruits in the battle against addiction.

There is a unique mix of people in introduction to addictions studies in the south campus of Bow Valley College, from a young woman just out of high school to a man changing careers midstream.

They all have one thing in common — they want to make a difference.

Addiction is a scourge. Addiction can touch anyone. There are many people who want help those suffering from addiction, and one of the best places to learn how is at Bow Valley College.

The program is called Aboriginal addictions services counselling and is an eight-month, full-time certificate program, as well as a 16-month diploma option.

The program is open to everyone — the content includes Aboriginal history and culture, the needs of Aboriginal communities, as well as other populations with addictions.

Students will learn the multi-level skills necessary to help those suffering from the dysfunctional behaviours of addiction, including drug abuse, alcohol and gambling.

The lessons are learned in class, as well as in community practicums.

Upon graduation, students will use their skills to help people through community social services, children and youth services, justice system institutions, community Aboriginal services, and emergency shelters.

Graduates will be a powerful influence in making a real difference in people's lives. They will learn to support individuals, families and communities in identifying and managing addictions through prevention and treatment programs.

And they will learn it all at Alberta's No. 1 comprehensive college. Bow Valley College is a place where students can triumph, graduating with a work-ready education in one or two years.

The majority of Bow Valley College graduates find employment in their fields within six months of graduation.

Bow Valley College encourages you to join the front lines by enrolling now.

For more, visit bowvalleycollege.ca.

Your university experience – and your future – are up to you.

Your education is defined by what you learn outside the classroom, not just inside it. Whether you make discoveries in a lab, gain work experience with a co-op, or expand your horizons abroad, jump in. Your future awaits.

Alberta's Destination University. Make it yours.

> DISCOVER.ulethbridge.ca
Campuses in Lethbridge and Calgary

SHUTTERSTOCK

WORK WITH THE PUBLIC

AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER

The recently added community service worker and addictions worker programs offered through Academy of Learning Career College will provide an introduction to some psychology work, mental health awareness and working with the public.

"A community service worker guides members of the community towards the services and assistance they require while facing personal or social problems," says Charles Jarvis, general manager, Academy of Learning. "They must be able to assess and meet a client's physical, medical, emotional and behavioural support needs."

Students can participate in a community service worker program, or have the option of expanding to take additional classes that introduce them to addiction worker specializations.

The program is about 43 to 51 weeks in length, but students are guaranteed to graduate in less than a year with the diploma.

Since Academy of Learning offers continuous intake, there is no need to wait until September to enrol in the community service worker program, or any Academy of Learning programs.

"We are a continuous intake — better known for start any time — college," Jarvis says.

For more information about either of these programs or the Academy of Learning, visit academyoflearning.ab.ca.

Helping students discover themselves

Ambrose University

Choosing a career path can be difficult, but knowing how to get into a career can be even more challenging.

Ambrose University assists its students with these tasks by offering a number of workshops, assessments, events, and one-on-one consultations to help students transition into the marketplace from university.

"Career planning is not a one-time decision of what will I be when I grow up, but rather it is a process of self-discovery and holistic personal growth," says Joy Ulrich, director of career development, Ambrose University. "The question students should be asking when they come to university is actually, 'Who am I and what do I want my life to look like?'"

Career planning begins in the first year of university with students who are proactive and intentional.

CONTRIBUTED

"Success to me will mean our students are becoming the persons they are meant to be and able to move forward to become contributing members of society," Ulrich says.

The career services offered at Ambrose are a combination of individual sessions, workshops, and events. These events help students to build bridges to the working world, learn how to self-market themselves, and assess program and career clarity.

For more about Ambrose's career services, visit ambrose.edu.

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY
1910

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Build Your Career

100+ Programs in Business, Oil & Gas and Technology

Project Management, Business Analysis, Contract Management, Supply Chain Management, Human Resource Management, Oil and Gas…

*Ask about company training.

Jeff, Leadership Development

Why MRU Continuing Education?

- Learn tomorrow's skills today
- Connect with industry professionals
- Small class sizes, big ideas
- Flexible schedules - fast track, online, classroom
- Workplace learning

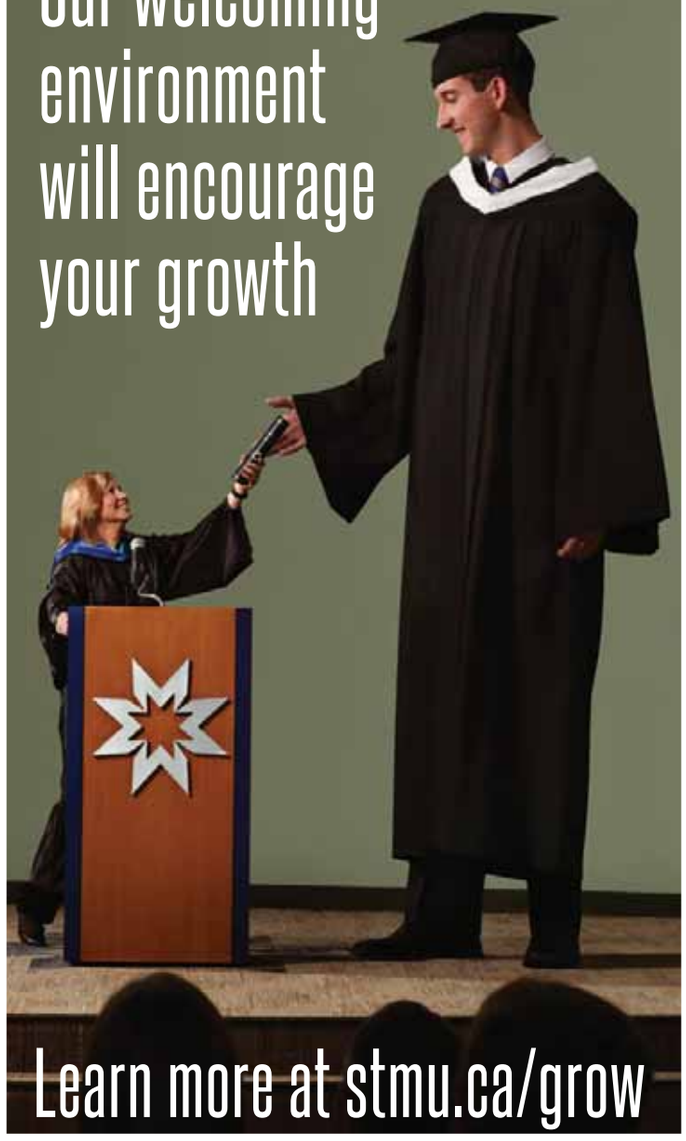
mtroyal.ca/conted
403.440.6875

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY

OPEN HOUSE:

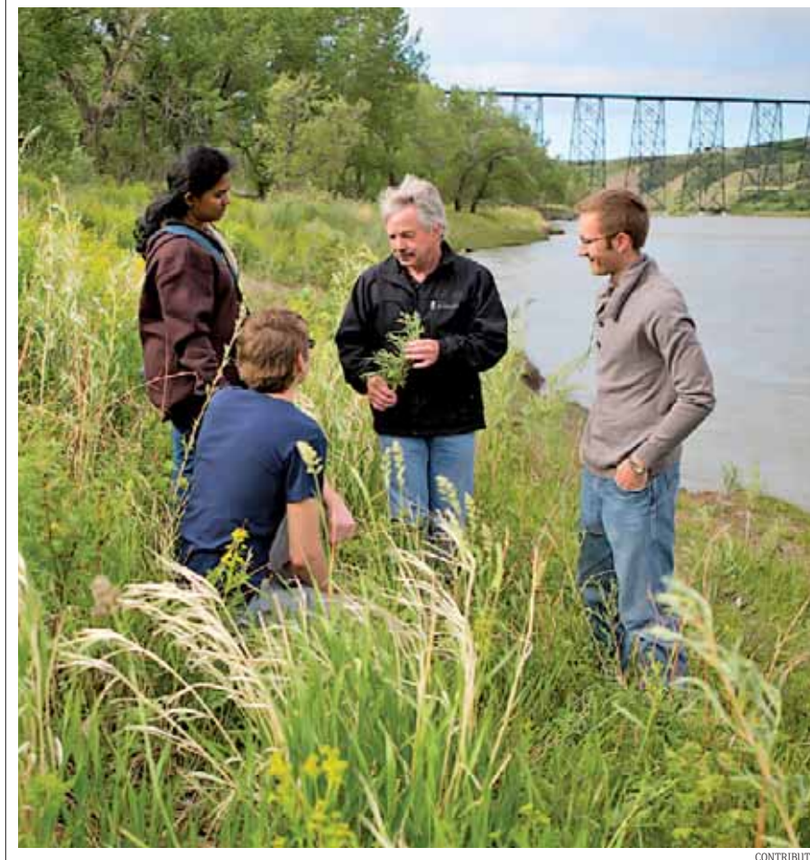
Feb 21st at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
14500 Bannister Rd. SE | Calgary, AB

Our welcoming environment will encourage your growth



Learn more at stmu.ca/grow

CALGARY ALBERTA



CONTRIBUTED

WATER, SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

STUDY AT UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE

The world needs people who think critically and act responsibly. So do employers.

The global citizenship certificate offered through the University of Lethbridge will put students on the path to become global citizens.

The program's inaugural theme — water, sustainability and social justice — connects various disciplines and provides students with clear opportunities to explore each topic from a different point of view.

"It will provide students an integrated way to study issues related to global citizenship, particularly around the themes of water, sustainability and social justice," says Dr. Shelly Wismath, professor of mathematics and liberal education, University of Lethbridge.

This theme was chosen because it is relevant in every part of the world. It will give students the tools so when they come across a problem they will have the curiosity and skills to look at it in new ways and come up with innovative solutions.

Students can pursue any major, and these courses might fit in to their major. Or, alternatively, they can be used to satisfy the liberal education component of their degree.

Two of the courses will be liberal education courses, offering students not only study skills and general skills to help them succeed in their academic careers, but also guidance as to how to tie together the different perspectives offered by the other three courses.

"IT WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS AN INTEGRATED WAY TO STUDY ISSUES RELATED TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP ..."

– Dr. Shelly Wismath, professor of mathematics and liberal education, University of Lethbridge

"A big part of the program is the limited size so that students will be able to build connections to the other participants and to their instructors, and really form a cohesive group that we hope will continue to offer support throughout their careers, both on- and off-campus," says Dr. Jacqueline Rice, associate dean, faculty of arts and science.

A cohort of 40 students will begin this program in the fall.

The application deadline for this program is March 31.

For more information about this program, please visit ulethbridge.ca/artsci/gc or discover.ulethbridge.ca to apply.

Gain practical skills with MRU

Working with children can be extremely rewarding when one is able to provide the proper supports.

The children's mental health extension certificate offered online through Mount Royal University helps people working with children to enhance their understanding of child mental health and give them the tools needed to provide appropriate supports.

"Having mental health trained practitioners enhances the likelihood of meeting the needs of individual clients, as well as the community as a whole," says Dr. Scott McLean, faculty member, departments of justice and social work instructor, continuing education and extension, and forensic social and trauma specialist.

"On an individual basis, it provides the practitioner to develop a mental health sensitive and informed practice with children, adolescents, and their families."

The children's mental health extension certificate provides students with the awareness, theoretical concepts, and practical skills of working with children, adolescents and their families with mental health concerns. Overall, the program supports practitioners in their continuous professional development in understanding mental health on an individual client basis and within the larger community.

CONTRIBUTED

"The program is designed to provide practitioners with a rounded theoretical perspective, as well as practical skills to enhance their practice," McLean says. "It is a focused curriculum with an outcome of developing a mental health sensitive and informed practice."

This program has been designed for health and human service professionals, grade school professionals, and individuals interested in children's mental health issues.

To earn the certificate, students must complete nine required courses (135 hours), but they can be completed in any order.

"Having the nine courses within the certificate lends to a balance of theoretical and practical knowledge and skill base," McLean says.

All courses in this program are offered online.

"Online education provides working practitioners with an option to continue their learning while at the same time continuing working," McLean says.

For more about this certificate, visit conted.mtroyal.ca/mentalhealth.

metro

THE HANDY POCKET VERSION!

Get the news as it happens

Download the Metro News App today at metronews.ca/mobile

COLUMBIA`S UNIQUE APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Helps you achieve **better results**! Ask us how.

Columbia's Employment Rate of its Graduates is one of the Highest in North America

Enroll today in one of Columbia's Programs!

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- Electrician
- Plumber
- Practical Nurse
- Health Care Aide
- Dental Assistant
- Criminal Justice
- Education Assistant
- Human Services
- Alberta Basic Security Training
- Professional Investigator
- Community Support Services
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)
- Integrated Training: Sales, Services, Trades, Transport, Health Care Aide, Bookkeeping, and Child Care Assistant

- **FREE COURSES** may be available for individuals applying to many professional programs
- Highly qualified, expert faculty
- Student loans may be available
- Employment support services after graduation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.columbia.ab.ca/m
Call now: 403.235.9300
or drop-in (Monday - Saturday)

COLUMBIA COLLEGE CALGARY

802 Manning Road NE, Calgary AB

Quality education that works for you & employers.

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY 1910

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Build Your Career

100+ Programs in Business, Oil & Gas and Technology

Human Resource Management, Payroll Certifications, Conflict Resolution, Organizational Change Management, Leadership Development

*Ask about company training.

Melanie, Human Resource Management

Why MRU Continuing Education?

- Learn tomorrow's skills today
- Connect with industry professionals
- Small class sizes, big ideas
- Flexible schedules - fast track, online, classroom
- Workplace learning

mtroyal.ca/conted
403.440.6875

The critical foundation of business knowledge

Learn more at MRU

Organizations, regardless of industry, strive to operate in a customer-centric environment.

To maintain this, they ensure to deliver appropriate value to their customers or risk losing them to competitors.

The business process management extension certificate offered through Mount Royal University is a program that defines and impacts the critical foundational knowledge required to manage business processes effectively and efficiently in any organization — private, public and not-for-profit.

"Today's organizations are faced with myriad of choices and decisions to efficiently manage resources and provide value to customers, shareholders and the community," says Evelyn Brisibe, business improvement manager and instructor. "Business process management skills unlock the key to consistently apply knowledge and experiences of subject matter experts, to the how behind each business decision."

Students of this business process management program learn a set of skills that help organizations streamline their processes and trim costs. These skills are useful to managers, process improvement specialists, business analysts, systems analysts, and others.

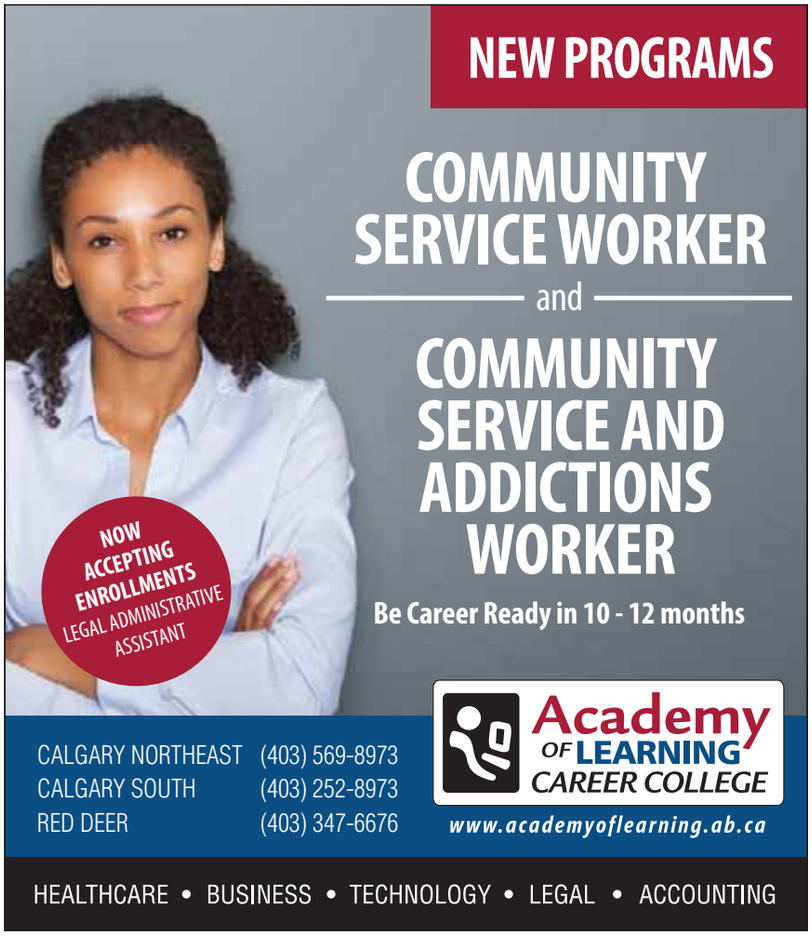
"Students will be provided with the opportunity to gain knowledge and tools on how to influence the transformation journey from functional to a process-centred organization mindset," Brisibe says.

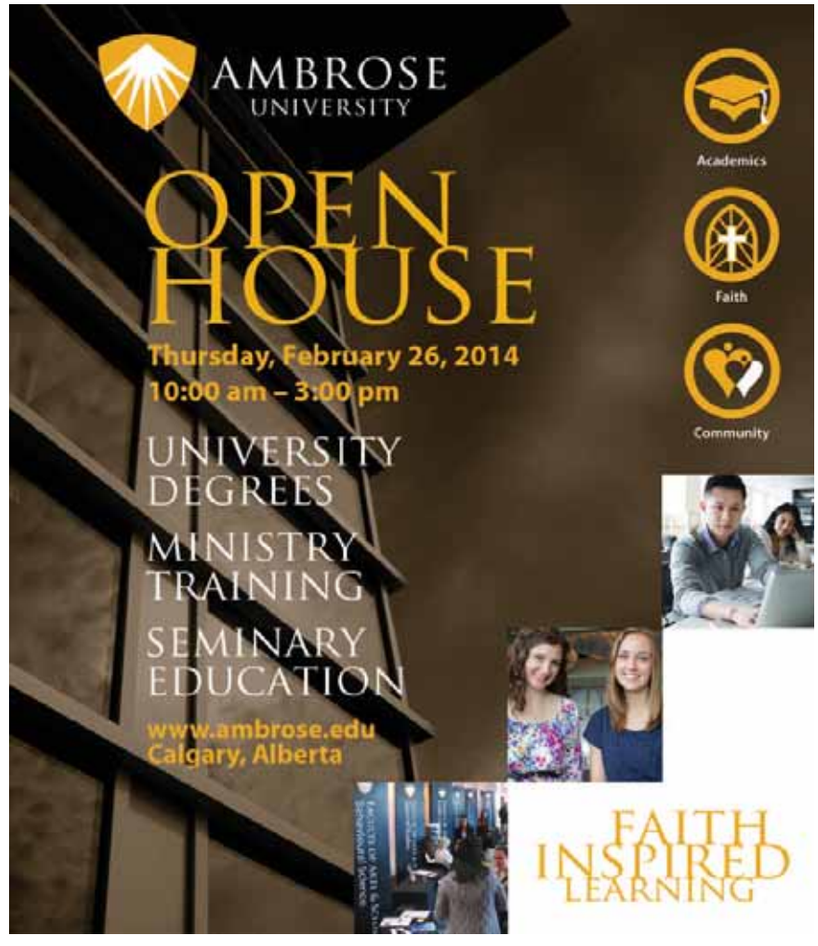
This program can help organizations to improve their business process functions and boost efficiency. Other benefits include conducive environment, access to well-developed curriculum, opportunity to network with peers across industry, practise the lessons learned during the program in a safe environment, and the practical demonstration of applied knowledge by experienced instructors who are not scholars, but also business process professionals.

This certificate requires students to complete seven courses for a total of 112.5 hours. It is possible to complete the certificate in two semesters, but students can take up to three years to complete it.

For more information about this program, visit conted.mtroyal.ca/businessprocess.

CONTRIBUTED


NEW PROGRAMS
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER
and
COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ADDICTIONS WORKER
Be Career Ready in 10 - 12 months
NOW ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS
LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CALGARY NORTHEAST (403) 569-8973
CALGARY SOUTH (403) 252-8973
RED DEER (403) 347-6676
Academy OF LEARNING CAREER COLLEGE
www.academyoflearning.ab.ca
HEALTHCARE • BUSINESS • TECHNOLOGY • LEGAL • ACCOUNTING



ABES provides essential training

SHUTTERSTOCK

For those interested in working with health-care professionals and contributing to a surgical team, then the medical device reprocessing technician program, offered through Alberta Business and Educational Services (ABES), can provide you with the knowledge and qualifications you need.

"The role of the medical device reprocessing technician is to learn and perform all aspects of sterile processing with basic surgical instruments in the health-care workplace," says Julie Wright, campus co-ordinator, ABES.

This 40-week program is designed to provide students with the necessary technical skills, employment preparation skills and essential skills to work as a medical device reprocessing technician.

The program contains 760 hours of instruction combined with 320 hours of unpaid work experience.

Graduates of this ABES program will write the International Association of Health-Care Central Service Material Management (IAHCSMM) examination.

"Success in this exam is now a prerequisite to employment as a medical device reprocessing technician in Alberta, and ABES remains the only educational institution in Alberta to include the IAHCSMM designation during training," Wright says. "All staff working in medical device reprocessing must be certified prior to April 2015, and ABES best prepares students for the examination as a matter of course."

Wright adds this program is also a great way for foreign trained health-care professionals to integrate into the Canadian health-care system.

ABES runs in partnership with Alberta Health Services, Calgary Lab Services, Alberta Human Services and is the main employer, but not the only employer, for ABES graduates. Students are also able to complete their practicums at one of Calgary's five hospitals.

"The program is run in partnership with Alberta Health Services, therefore streamlining our graduates into employment," Wright says. "One hundred per cent of our last class was hired by AHS."

The next start date for the medical device reprocessing program will be Feb. 17.

The program was formerly called the sterile processing technician program.

Prerequisites include a two-year post-secondary degree in health care for life sciences, language benchmark 7 (all skills), clear security clearance, physical ability to carry out the work, and interview with program co-ordinator.

For more about this program, visit abes.ca.

CONTRIBUTED

MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT WITH COLUMBIA

Individuals can train to enter into a career where their work makes a positive impact on the lives of others through the human services professional diploma program at Columbia College

"It is the greatest gift to work with people on a one-on-one basis and have an opportunity to better one another in this life," says Tobias Mwandala, MSW, RSW, director human services programs, Columbia College.

Columbia College has recently added a new course to the program — the introduction to gender and women studies course, which informs and engages students on issues, theories and concepts and trends in gender and women studies.

The school also provides a non-violent crisis intervention (CPI) course and certificate to students as part of their practicum training (200-hour practicum placements).

"The CPI course prepares our students to respond to crisis in a healthy and non-violent manner," Mwandala says.

After graduation, students can choose from a range of settings — new immigrant serving agencies, community centres, as well as schools or non-for-profit agencies.

"This is a great program because there is an abundance of work in the field of human services," Mwandala says.

This diploma program has evening and weekend classes, with the next intakes in April and September. For more, visit columbia.ab.ca.

THEY THOUGHT HE WOULD NEVER RECOVER.

Make an impact helping people affected by addiction.
Aboriginal Addictions Services Counselling Diploma

Call: 403-410-1402 bowvalleycollege.ca/addictionscounselling

BOW VALLEY COLLEGE

Making a romantic connection without the use of a keyboard

Dating. Four experts weigh in on how to engage authentically in a modern world

STEPHANIE ORFORD
for Metro

A comment about the weather is a good way to start up a conversation, says etiquette expert Charles MacPherson. But if you get a one-word answer, it's best to move on. ISTOCK

Thanks to the Internet, there's no shortage of ways to connect with someone: dating apps, websites and matchmaking services are ubiquitous and anyone who can swipe right can get a date for Saturday night.

But you can still find yourself next to an attractive stranger on a bus, or in the supermarket, wishing you knew what to say to get their attention — and affection.

Technology has been trying to bridge the gap. The new app Somebody, by writer-filmmaker Miranda July, lets users enlist a stranger to deliver their message; and ShoutzApp, based in Toronto and designed for transit users, allows people in the same vicinity to have anonymous conversations.

But when apps are being created to get us talking to the people right in front of us, it's easy to think we've forgotten how to meet in the real world.

Instead of rushing home to post a Craigslist missed connection, we've asked four experts to give us their best advice.

Personal stylist: Wear your confidence

Patricia Trépanier

Like it or not, your image is key to attracting the right person, says Patricia Trépanier, a personal fashion stylist based in Montreal.

"When you feel confident in your clothes, people start noticing you more," says Trépanier. "It shows in your posture."

She suggests wearing clothes that fit well and suit your physique, polishing your shoes (no square-toed shoes!) and staying away from logos, quotes or brand names. For men, err on the side of classy, and wear a blazer you can take off if you end up in a more casual setting.

And remember, your appearance is an indicator of your interests, values and habits.

"If you neglect your personal image, it shows that you may also neglect other aspects of your life," says Trépanier.

Speed-dating host: Be honest

When you're approaching someone for the first time in real life, "I would recommend losing the pickup lines," says Nadia Marchant, representative of Vancouver-based speed-dating service FastLife Media.

Nadia Marchant

She says trying new activities — like speed dating — might feel ridiculous and awkward, but the such real-life experiences can be electric. Meeting in person allows people to "feel instant chemistry face-to-face," she says.

But chemistry isn't enough, so when it comes to striking up that first conversation Marchant suggests just being honest.

"Be sincere, be yourself, show confidence and just genuinely communicating the reason why you're approaching someone," she says.

She also recommends trying something physically active, like hiking or bike riding, as they're more conducive to natural conversation and maybe some laughter and silliness.

Bartender: Reveal your quirks slowly

Meeting someone at a bar might seem cliché, but sometimes it works, says Lauren Mote, bar manager of UVA Wine & Cocktail Bar in Vancouver.

Whether you're at a bar or a bus stop, the courtship dance starts with a smile.

Lauren Mote

"If they smile back, maybe you've got a shot. Offer to buy them a drink," Mote recommends, recalling an encounter she witnessed where two patrons arrived separately, struck up a conversation, left together and returned a little dishevelled. They've been frequenting the bar as a couple ever since.

Honesty is a good policy, but Mote recommends knowing when to hold back.

"Get to know someone first before you unload all your proclivities," she says.

Etiquette expert: Court with courtesy

No matter the romantic circumstances, basic human decency goes a long way, says etiquette expert Charles MacPherson.

If you'd like to strike up a conversation with a hot guy or girl on the street, "first read the body language of the person and see if they are approachable," MacPherson advises.

He says an open posture can include looking into your eyes and leaning towards you. In a closed posture, they may have their arms crossed, be facing away from you or looking at other things.

Charles MacPherson

If they do seem approachable, "start a conversation about the weather, how long it always takes for this bus, and if the person is receptive, start having a 'normal' fun conversation. If the person is not receptive and gives one-word answers, perhaps it's best to move on."

The care and consideration you show speak volumes about you, he says.

"Kindness and graciousness are always in style."

Love notes

Taking your online love offline

Michael Harris

For online daters, bring your courtship into the real world as soon as possible, recommends Michael Harris, author of The End of Absence: Reclaiming What We've Lost in a World of Constant Connection.

"It's wise to arrange a quick cocktail as a first date, even if you feel like your online messaging has brought you closer than that," advises Harris.

He says the problem is that online crushes can be dangerously unrealistic. The major problem lies in the shock and disappointment you feel when the digital relationship ends, and the prospective partner doesn't perfectly mirror their online persona.

"The living person you meet may bear little resemblance to the fictitious person you've crafted in your head," says Harris. "The sound of our voices, the smell of our bodies, the little details of our postures and mannerisms are going to be utterly surprising."

He says the longer you wait to meet an online love connection in person, the bigger the letdown when your interaction doesn't match what you'd imagined.

"The joy of finding love in the 21st century is the fact that lots of dating taboos have fallen away and there's no 'correct' way to meet someone anymore," says Harris. "But this also means it's up to us to choose and be active, precisely because there is no automatic prescription."

STEPHANIE ORFORD/FOR METRO

Obituary

Former Habs coach Ruel dead at 76

Claude Ruel, who coached the Montreal Canadiens to a Stanley Cup in 1969, was a gifted hockey and baseball player in the 1950s before losing sight in his left eye.

Ruel died at his home in Longueuil, Que., on Monday at age 76 after spending his entire hockey career in the Canadiens organization, mostly in scouting and player development.

He had hoped to be an athlete and as a teenager was a promising hockey defenceman and baseball player who had been invited to the Cleveland Indians camp. But he lost sight in his left eye while playing for the Hull-Ottawa Junior Canadiens in a pre-season game in Belleville, Ont., in September 1957.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Skiing

Maze wins gold in alpine combined

Tina Maze pulled off an impressive feat on soft snow: a cartwheel in ski boots. Her skiing wasn't too bad, either.

Maze captured gold in the alpine combined Monday, earning her third medal of the world championships on a warm afternoon when Lindsey Vonn failed to finish the slalom.

Leading after the downhill portion, the Slovenian standout used a clean slalom run to finish in a combined time of 2 minutes, 33.37 seconds. Nicole Hosp of Austria was second, 0.22 seconds behind, and fellow Austrian Michaela Kirchgasser earned third.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defensive lineman Shawn Lemon is among the players granted releases to sign NFL deals. DEREK LEUNG/GETTY IMAGES

Open market lacks standout talents

CFL. Highly anticipated free agents have either re-signed or are pursuing NFL contracts

It seems Marcel Desjardins and other CFL GMs can scratch another blue-chip free agent from their wish list.

Centre Brett Jones of the Grey Cup-champion Calgary Stampeders is scheduled to become a free agent at noon ET on Tuesday. The six-foot-two, 310-pound Jones was the CFL's top lineman last year and anchored a unit that allowed a league-low 26 sacks.

On Monday, Calgary GM/coach John Hufnagel said Jones, a 23-year-old native of Weyburn, Sask., was weighing his NFL options. Hufnagel wouldn't say if a deal was done but the expectation is Jones will sign south of the border.

"Right now he's making a decision (regarding) what avenue to take," Hufnagel said. "He has NFL interest and that's what we're dealing with."

Some CFL officials suggest Jones could've commanded up to $300,000 annually on the open market. But he also stands to do well financially if he cracks an NFL roster with the league minimum for 2015 being $435,000 US.

Free agent

Expected to be available is slotback Nik Lewis, who has spent his entire 11-year career with Calgary. Lewis broke the 1,000-yard plateau his first nine seasons but has combined for 777 yards the last two years.

Calgary does have a potential replacement currently on its roster after selecting Laval's Pierre Lavertu first overall last year. But the absence of Jones would further dilute a CFL free-agent pool that's seen many perspective candidates either remain with their clubs or be released to sign NFL contracts.

American receivers S.J. Green (Montreal) and Weston Dressler (Saskatchewan), receiver/returner Brandon Banks (Hamilton) and Canadian offensive lineman Tyler Holmes (Toronto) were among the potential free agents to stay put. Players granted releases to sign NFL deals included Canadian offensive linemen Ben Heenan (Saskatchewan) and Matt O'Donnell (Edmonton), American receivers Duron Carter (Montreal) and John Chiles (Toronto), defensive lineman Shawn Lemon (Calgary) and cornerback Delvin Breaux (Hamilton). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Silva dropped from The Ultimate Fighter

The UFC has pulled Anderson Silva from The Ultimate Fighter Brazil 4 at the request of the Nevada State Athletic Commission.

The former UFC middleweight champion tested positive for two steroids in an out-of-competition test last month.

In a statement last week, the UFC said Silva, who has denied cheating, would continue in his role as coach on the reality TV show. But it subsequently changed its mind.

Anderson Silva
GETTY IMAGES

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Unibrow nursing injured shoulder

The New Orleans Pelicans say all-star forward Anthony Davis sat out Monday night's game against Utah because of a sprained right shoulder.

He has been listed as day-to-day, meaning his status for Wednesday night's home game against Indiana remains uncertain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VegasWantsHockey kicks off ticket drive

Canadian poker star Daniel Negreanu knows a thing or two about odds. The Toronto native and lifelong hockey fan thinks Las Vegas has a 92.4 per cent chance of getting an NHL team.

Prospective owner Bill Foley and his company, Hockey Vision Las Vegas LLC, get to prove it beginning Tuesday when the VegasWantsHockey season-ticket drive gets underway. The goal is to get at least 10,000 full-season deposits to show there's significant fan interest in an NHL expansion team beginning play in the desert for the 2016-17 season.

Negreanu is helping to sell NHL hockey to the people of Nevada and already has his four season tickets reserved.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Spurs' Pop reaches 1,000-win milestone

NBA. Comeback victory adds to 5-time champion's already packed resumé

Gregg Popovich's grand plan has produced plenty of wins.

The Spurs made it an even 1,000 for him on Monday night.

San Antonio rallied from a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit and got an 18-foot baseline jumper from Marco Belinelli with 2.1 seconds left to give Popovich a milestone 95-93 victory at Indiana.

"I've been here a long time and I've had good players. That's the formula," Popovich said. "Getting the players is difficult, but I've been fortunate to have good ones. The time, that's the most important element. You have to be around for a while, I guess."

Popovich celebrated in his typical low-key way. He walked to mid-court, put an arm around Pacers coach Frank Vogel, hugged one of his former players and stoically strolled into the Spurs' locker-room — though he later acknowledged he might drink some wine.

Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich
ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

While Popovich does have five NBA championships, few mid-season wins have come with this much fanfare.

Only two coaches, Phil Jackson and Pat Riley, reached 1,000 wins faster than Popovich. Only one other coach, Jerry Sloan, achieved the feat with one team. Sloan won 1,127 games with Utah. Popovich is 1,000-462 in 19 NBA seasons, all with San Antonio.

His regular-season winning percentage (.684) ranks fifth all time. His playoff winning percentage is seventh (.623), though only two men in front of him coached more than 100 post-season games: Jackson and Billy Cunningham.

And it came on the most fitting stage of all for the Indiana native. Popovich was born in northwest Indiana and grew up playing high school basketball in Merrillville, Ind.

But it was Popovich's players who wanted this win most — and it showed, as they erased a nine-point deficit over the final 5-1/2 minutes.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wild bowl over Canucks

Wild centre Mikko Koivu checks Vancouver Canucks left-winger Alex Burrows off the puck during the first period on Monday night in St. Paul, Minn. Jason Pominville and Ryan Suter scored power-play goals and Devan Dubnyk earned another victory in the net, guiding the Minnesota Wild past the Vancouver Canucks 5-2 for their sixth straight win in regulation. It was Dubnyk's eighth win in 10 starts as the former Oiler's career renaissance in Minnesota continues. He was named the NHL's first star of the week earlier Monday after posting back-to-back shutouts last week.

ANN HEISENFELT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York Yankees

Tanaka's elbow on the mend

New York Yankees pitching coach Larry Rothschild says off-season reports on Japanese ace Masahiro Tanaka's right elbow have been positive.

"So far he's felt good," Rothschild said Monday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Universiade

Canada's women curlers stay unbeaten in Spain

Canada's women's curling team posted two more wins on Monday to remain undefeated and secure first place in the round-robin portion of the 27th Winter Universiade tournament.

Winnipeg skip Breanne Meakin and her Carleton University squad improved to 8-0 thanks to an 8-7 extra-end win over Norway (4-4) and 9-7 win against reigning Universiade champion Russia (6-2). THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wheelchair curling

A win and a loss for Canada

Canada split a pair of games Monday at the World Wheelchair Curling Championship: a 6-4 over Sweden and a 9-8 to the U.S.

"As a team I think we're really coming together," vice-skip Ina Forrest said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

STAY ACTIVE & HEALTHY THIS WINTER
The City of Calgary is here to make winter better.
WHAT'S THE PERFECT DATE NIGHT FOR YOU?
SCAN TO TAKE OUR QUIZ & FIND OUT!
calgary.ca/winteractivities
THE CITY OF CALGARY
Scan the ad above with your Metro News app to take the quiz.
Don't have the app?
Download it now for FREE in the iTunes & Google Play store.
metro AR

Because it looks a lot easier on TV.
For a better experience, put the pros in your corner.
CARDEL RENOS
CALL FOR A FREE IN-HOME CONSULTATION
403.258.1511
Built for real life.
CARDELHOMES.COM
CARDEL HOMES

AUGMENTED REALITY

Stuck on 12 Across? Scan this image with your Metro News app for today's crossword and Sudoku answers. It's OK. No one's watching.

metro AR

→ See the full instructions on Metro's Voices page.

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't try too hard to prove yourself to people who you do not respect. You are under no obligation to even to acknowledge their existence.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You have set your heart on something and you intend to see it through, no matter what the critics might say. So what are you waiting for?

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Someone in a position of authority will be rather critical of your work but don't lose heart. They think you could do with a little push to get you going. They could be right.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
No matter what negative things may happen you must laugh at them long and loud. If you look on the dark side, you will only make matters worse. Think yourself happy.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make a real effort to focus only on the facts today. Take advice with a large pinch of salt, especially when it's your money they are talking about.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Push ahead with your number one plan, no matter how many people say you must be either mad or bad. They are scared you will show them up — and they're right, you will.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't blame yourself unduly for some kind of mistake — either it wasn't your fault at all or it was the kind of thing that can happen to anyone.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will have to seek assistance from people whose knowledge is superior to your own. You can carry on alone but it won't be long before you need help.

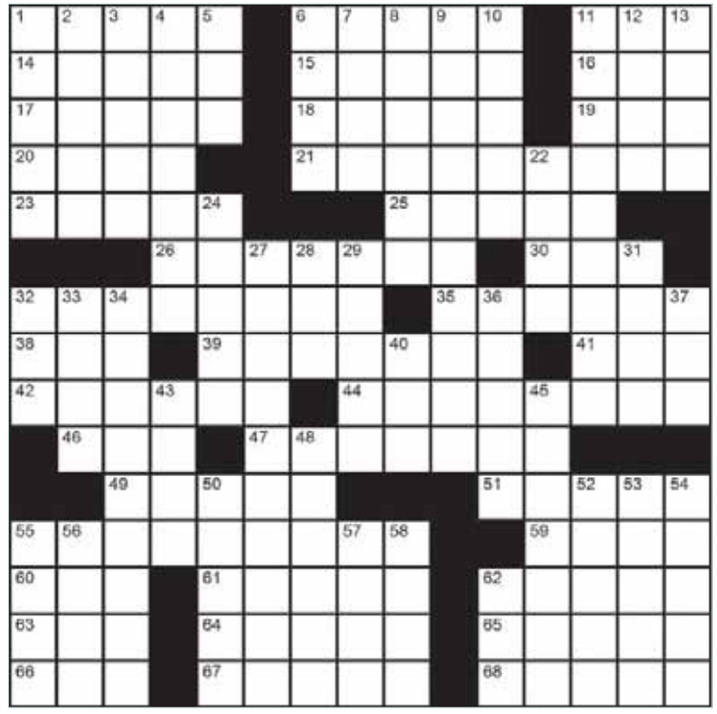
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone will be hard to pin down but before you get angry consider it may be what they want you to do. If you lose your temper it will just make them look good.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may find it hard to get a straight answer from someone but you don't need their input, still less their permission, so stop trying to be so polite.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone's dishonesty may shock you but you only have yourself to blame. The signs have been there but you chose to ignore them. Now what are you going to do about it?

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone will be vocal in their criticism of you but they mean well. Listen to what they have to say and accept that at least some their criticisms are valid.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Twin brothers Daniel or Henrik of the Vancouver Canucks
6. Dad's dad
11. Commonly, poetically
14. Reflection
15. Madagascar animal
16. Ms. Bainter of "Jezebel" (1938)
17. Leonard of "Star Trek"
18. Total eclipse phenomenon
19. Certain conifer
20. Above
21. Quebec meat pie
23. All that glisters __ __ gold
25. Bit of Elton John's "Your Song": "I __ __ the roof..."
26. Ill-tempered
30. 'The Finals' org.
32. "Fantasy Island" boss: 2 wds.
35. Takes one's turn at trying: 3 wds.
38. "C'est la __!"
39. Circus barkers
41. Director's "Stop!"
42. Fruitlessly: 2 wds.
44. Quick-photos-messaging app
46. Ms. McGillis, to pals
47. Beast slain by Beowulf
49. Mr. LeBlanc, Governor General of Canada from 1995 to 1999
51. Bard's below
55. __ Arc (Circular formation on the Quebec side of Hudson Bay)
59. Mystique
60. The Monkees hit: "___ Believer"
61. Pine tree stuff
62. Anesthetized
63. Zero
64. Succeed at being annoying: 2 wds.
65. Entreaties
66. Burdened beast
67. Actress Elizabeth
68. New Wave music instr.

Down

1. Mount of the Bible
2. Gives off
3. Matt of movies
4. Storied monster of Lake Simcoe in southern Ontario
5. Napoleonic Wars marshal
6. Feed fully
7. San __, Italy
8. Surprise attack
9. British singer of "One Night in Bangkok": 2 wds.
10. __ & Whitney Canada (Aircraft engine company)
11. "Caline de Doux Blues" Quebec band
12. Honest
13. Pericles, Prince of __
22. They're electrically charged
24. Ms. Bingham of "Baywatch"
27. Zest-in-a-recipe source: 2 wds.
28. Kiev's li'l land
29. Burn a fragrant stick
31. Madrid 'water'
32. 1006 in ancient Rome
33. Hockey arena area
34. Changed decisions
36. __, Colorado
37. Senators, on scoreboards
40. Bed-and-Breakfast
43. Many: 2 wds.
45. In a hitch-free way
48. Hen hangouts
50. Bette's "All About Eve" (1950) role
52. Pulitzer-winning poet W.H.
53. Mr. Williams of "Hair" (1979)
54. Severe
55. Canadian actress Ms. Dobrev
56. "Titanic" (1997) actress Suzy
57. Tailed toy
58. __. donor (Unknown benefactor)
62. Sit-__ (Exercises)

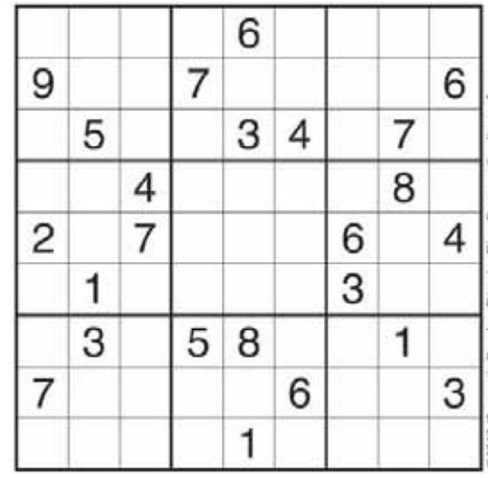
Yesterday's Crossword

Online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



©2013 Conceptis Puzzles. Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	1	7	4	5	2	8	9	6
6	5	8	9	7	1	4	3	2
4	2	9	8	3	6	7	1	5
5	9	4	6	1	7	2	8	3
1	3	6	5	2	8	9	7	4
8	7	2	3	4	9	5	6	1
7	4	5	1	8	3	6	2	9
2	6	1	7	9	4	3	5	8
9	8	3	2	6	5	1	4	7

THE HANDY POCKET VERSION!
Get the news as it happens
Download the Metro News App today at metronews.ca/mobile
metro

Adventure!
Teach English Overseas
> TESOL Certified in 5 Days
> In-Class or Online
> No Degree Required!
1.888.270.2941
Job Guaranteed!
Next in-class course: Feb. 22nd - Feb. 27th 2015.
Next Seminar: February 17th, 2015 @ 7pm
Travelodge University Hotel - 2227 Banff Trail NW
www.globaltesol.com
GLOBAL TESOL COLLEGE

Reinvent your eyestyle

Designer eyewear starting at $49

INCLUDES PRESCRIPTION LENSES*

Get a fresh perspective on your eyestyle this season by accessorizing with a self-assured square glasses style in semi-transparent acetate and natural bamboo arms.

*1.59 INDEX SINGLE VISION CLEAR LENSES

TAKE **$10 OFF** YOUR NEXT ORDER :: USE CODE: **METROGL** :: OFFER EXPIRES FEBRUARY 28, 2015

ClearlyContacts.ca™

THE BETTER WAY TO BUY EYEWEAR

☎ **CALL:** *1-866-414-2326*